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Peres: "Best year for peace in 1986"

By UPI, JTA

LONDON –

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres predicted last week that 1986 might be "the best year for peace" in the Middle East, but cautioned that new acts of terrorism could block a solution to the critical Palestinian question.

In a speech to the Royal Institute of International Affair after a meeting with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Peres said his country stood the best chance of reaching a peace settlement with Jordan and the Palestinian people.

"1986 is a crucial year. It may be the best year for peace," said Peres, who arrived in Britain on the second stop of a 10-day European tour. Before flying to London, Peres visited Holland, where he had a brief meeting with Spain's prime minister. Israel and Spain established diplomatic relations two weeks ago.

"While we are eager to reach an accommodation with all of our neighbors, the promise seems to lie with our neighbors to the east — the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Palestinian people," Peres said in London.

Peres warned that new acts of terrorism by Palestinian extremists would prevent a comprehensive Middle East peace agreement.

"Israel cannot solve the Palestinian problem alone, but the Palestinians can prevent a solution," he said. "We are to convinced that the only way to resolve this problem is through diplomatic means. Under no circumstances can violent means prevail."

"It is not the Palestinian problem, in my opinion, that gave birth to terrorism," he said. "It is terrorism and rejectionism that keep the problem unsolved."

Peres also called for a "a new economic vision for his area — a Marshall Plan . . . for the Middle East," like the U.S. aid that rebuilt Europe after World War II. He said this was necessary to create the psychological setting for the difficult political decisions for peace.

"We turn to responsible leaders of the Palestinians, especially on the West Bank and Gaza (Strip) — those who openly oppose terrorist tactics as well as those who hesitate to do so publicly, to join King Hussein in the journey to peace," Peres said.

Peres has tried for more than a year to start direct negotiations between Israel and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to settle the future of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip — home to 1.3 million Palestinians. Israel captured the West Bank and Gaza in 1967.

"It is the Palestinians who must choose between radical policies evasive tactics, violent means on the one hand and the moderate position, willingness to compromise and the commitment to peace on the other," Peres said. "This is their choice and their hope."

He said that "1986 is a

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Israeli PM visits Bonn

BONN (JTA) –

Israel Premier Shimon Peres arrived in Bonn Sunday for a 4-day visit to West Germany for talks with German leaders that are expected to cover the Middle East conflict and proposals for a joint technological research foundation to which Israel and West German governments would contribute. He was scheduled to visit Bergen-Belsen, where thousands of Jews were murdered during the Hitler regime, and he is due to be in West Berlin on Wednesday — the first Israeli Prime Minister to visit there.

Peres is returning a visit to Israel in 1984 by West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. Only one other Israeli Prime Minister — Yitzhak Rabin — has been to Germany. He came here in 1975, but he didn't go to Berlin.

Issue of Jewish worship

Temple Mount tension rises

JERUSALEM (JTA) –

Tension between Jews and Arabs stemming from recent confrontations on the Temple Mount continued to escalate last week over the issue of Jewish prayer at the site of two of the holiest shrines of the Islamic faith.

The matter was discussed before the Knesset's interior committee where there seemed to be some uncertainty as to what the law permits. Arabs were further angered when Sephardic Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu proposed that a synagogue be erected on the Temple Mount. Mufti Sheikh Sa'ad A-Din Al-Almi, chief of the Moslem Council, responded in effect that it would be over his dead body.

Meanwhile, a delegation of six Israeli Arab mayors visited the mufti on the Temple Mount to express solidarity with the Moslem religious authorities' refusal to allow Jews to worship there. It was the first visit to the site by Israeli Arabs in any official capacity. Mayor Tarek Abdul Hai of Tira stated that Jewish demands to worship on the Temple Mount were motivated by political, not religious reasons.

Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel (centre) visits Dome of the Rock in a bid to calm Arab-Jewish tension. [IPPA photo]

The latest religious strife was precipitated when several members of the interior committee, headed by its chairman, Dov Shilansky (Likud-Herut), visited the Temple Mount three weeks ago to investigate allegations that the Moslem religious authorities were allowing illegal construction there. They were confronted by angry crowds and had to be extricated by the police.

The committee members repeated their visit and while it passed without incident, Arab youths stoned police just outside the Temple Mount area and 17 were arrested. On both visits, the Knesseters were accompanied by ultra-nationalist Jewish activists, who are not members of the interior committee.

Their presence, and the fact that on the first visit the news media were invited with cameras, constituted what the Moslem authorities contended was deliberate provocation.

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Want counsel to go to USSR

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO –

Several groups representing Canadians of East European origin have asked the Federal Court of Canada to order the Deschenes Commission to allow the groups' counsel to be present for evidence-gathering in the Soviet Union.

In an application filed recently, John Sopinka, the lawyer representing the groups, asked court for an order to "prevent the commission from sending deputy commissioners to the Soviet Union without giving notice to those they suspect of being war criminals," or, alternatively, to permit the "applicant groups to go with the deputy commissioner to the Soviet Union in order to cross-examine witnesses," according to Catherine Francis, an articling student assisting Sopinka.

Sopinka represents the Baltic Federation of Canada, the Estonian Central Council, the Latvian National Federation in Canada, the Lithuanian Canadian Community and the Ukrainian Canadian Committee.

The groups contend evidence from witnesses from the Soviet Union could be tainted by political considerations. Francis told The CJN informing suspects they were being investigated would allow them to send their own counsel to the Soviet Union to cross-examine potentially adverse witnesses.

Bert Raphael, vice-chairman of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada and associate counsel before the commission, called the application "contradictory" to previous commission practice.

Raphael noted previous commission practice was to hold in camera (private) hearings when alleged war criminals may be named.

Should the commission interview witnesses in the Soviet Union in connection with war criminal allegations against East Europeans living in Canada and they are represented by counsel, that would defeat the purpose of maintaining anonymity, Raphael said.

That should only be allowed if and when charges are laid, he said.

Raphael added "if one interested party attends, then all (who have standing before the commission) should go."

Jack Silverstone, national executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, told The CJN Congress recommended to the commission that it "go with its own counsel and conduct in camera hearings."

Israel to repay part of U.S. aid

WASHINGTON (JTA) –

The state department has confirmed — and welcomed — Israel's agreement to return $51 million of the $1.2 billion it received from the U.S. in economic aid last fall to help the Reagan administration meet the budget-cutting requirements of the recently enacted Gramm-Rudman law (CJN Jan. 16).

State department spokesman Bernard Kalb, indicating the U.S. was appreciative of the Israeli move, said the two countries are working on an agreement as to how the money will be repaid.

The $1.2 billion, a grant approved by Congress, was delivered to Israel in a lump sum at the start of the 1986 fiscal year last Oct. 1. Israel also faces a reduction in the $1.8 billion military aid grant for fiscal 1986, the bulk of which has not yet been delivered.

Kalb said he did not know "what started what" in Israel's decision to return the amount that the Gramm-Rudman legislation requires be deducted from U.S. aid to recipient countries. When the automatic cuts go into effect on March 1, every country receiving aid from the U.S. will have 4.3% of the amount approved for it by Congress deducted from its aid package. Unlike Israel, other recipients get their economic aid funds at intervals during the fiscal year.

Dan Halperin, economic affairs minister at the Israel embassy here, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Israel was told by the U.S. government that there was a "problem" resulting from the Gramm-Rudman law. He said the message was understood to be a "hint" and that Israel decided voluntarily to return the money.

Halperin added, however, that the U.S. and Israel were in agreement that Israel was under no legal obligation to return money already awarded it. Halperin also said that a reduction of the $1.8 billion approved by Congress in military aid would be, in a sense, "a breach of an understanding or an agreement" but that Israel would not protest the cut should it go into effect.

Get out of E. Jerusalem, Egypt demands at UN

NEW YORK (JTA) –

Egypt told the United Nations Security Council last week that Israel "must" withdraw from East Jerusalem and that Palestinians on the West Bank, including those living in East Jerusalem, must have their right to self-determination.

The Egyptian ambassador, Mohamed Ibrahim Shaker, addressed the council in the course of the debate on "The Situation in the Occupied Arab Territories." The council opened its debate at the request of Morocco, as chairman of the organization of the Islamic Conference, and the United Arab Emirates, as chairman of the Arab Group at the UN.

The request was triggered by recent confrontations on the Temple Mount between a group of visiting Knesset members and an angry Arab crowd.

Egypt claimed the incidents were not the first time that Israel "violated the sacred character of the Al Aksa Mosque. This time, Egypt charged, "Israeli officials" were involved in the "profanation" of the mosque. The Egyptian representative warned that "the incitement of religious feelings" can harm the prospects of peace in the region.

Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's ambassador to the UN, speaking at the opening session of the debate, said that a delegation of Knesset members visited the Temple Mount on Jan. 8 and that the visit was coordinated in advance with the Wagf, the Moslem religious authority in charge of administering Moslem holy places in Jerusalem.

He charged that a prearranged incitement took place when the Knesset members paused at Solomon's Stables, "which had no religious significance."

Canada names Bartleman new ambassador to Israel

OTTAWA –

James Bartleman, a career diplomat, has been named Canada's new ambassador to Israel, replacing Vernon Turner, who is now Canada's envoy to the Soviet Union.

James Bartleman

Bartleman, 46, was born in Port Carling, Ont. and joined the External Affairs department in 1966 as a foreign service officer.

He has served in Canadian embassies in Brussels, Dacca, Bangkok and Bogota.

From 1981 to 1983, he was Canada's ambassador to Cuba.

Prior to that, he was in charge of the department's Caribbean and Central American division.

Following his stint in Cuba, he was the director-general of External's intelligence, analysis and security division.

World-National

Ontario law will relieve bad inequity

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

By the time you read this article the Ontario Legislature will have passed a new comprehensive Family Act. Some of its innovative features will be of significant interest in other parts of the country as well. Among these are the sections that deal with Jewish religious divorce.

Rabbi Plaut

Everything surrounding this subject is highly complex, and I must warn the reader in advance that a single column cannot begin to do justice to the principles at stake nor the various legal aspects, both Jewish and general, on which this legislation touches. What follows will, therefore, be nothing more than a broad outline of the law and the issues it raises.

The Halacha requires that, in order to effectuate a divorce, the husband must give his wife an instrument, called get, which is written to very particular specifications. Only when such a get has been issued is the woman free to remarry. When he refuses to do so she has no final remedy, for no one can issue the get if the husband does not want to. Even in Israel, where rabbinic courts hold sway over family law, the court and the secular authorities may bring pressure on the husband to do the right thing; they can even put him in jail for disobeying the order, but they cannot make him issue the get. It is reported that there is one man sitting in an Israeli jail who would rather rot there than issue his wife a get.

In the Diaspora, the get has in all too many instances become a means of financial extortion by the divorcing husband. Many women, unwilling to submit to such abuse, have therefore remarried anyways — but in the traditional view they remain married to their former husbands, with all the consequences arising therefrom.

To prevent such extortion, various Jewish groups, especially in the Orthodox community, have from time to time attempted to have the state alleviate this situation. In New York, a law was passed to that effect, but it was drawn up hastily and badly. Now Ontario has a new provision which in effect says the following:

(1) If the issuance of a get is part of a divorce agreement it may not be done for a financial consideration. This is aimed at the prevention of extortion.

(2) If a person seeks a remedy from the court (say, in the matter of child custody), the other party may request that the remedy be granted only if all obstacles to remarriage are removed, as for instance by the issuance of a get. If, on the other hand, no remedy is sought from the court, the get provision is not operative and the law does not apply.

I must admit that I have never been happy with any mixing of state and religious law. This has been also the long-standing position of the Reform movement. Still, while I will continue to maintain that principle, I have come to the conclusion that I can support the get provision in the new Ontario Family Act because it relieves a glaring inequity without diminishing anyone's religious freedom. The Toronto Council of Reform Rabbis has therefore joined other Jewish communal and religious institutions in this endorsation.

Shultz criticized for being too soft

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Secretary of State George Shultz is facing mounting criticism from right wing conservative supporters of President Ronald Reagan. They have waged an intense battle in recent months to try to force him out of the administration. Simply put, they believe that he is too "moderate" on many foreign policy issues, especially in connection with the Soviet Union.

For these conservatives who are very loyal to Reagan, it is politically much easier to complain about Shultz than about the President, who has very consistently supported the secretary's stance on most foreign policy issues. The conservatives say they primarily want Shultz out because of his clearly impressive clout with Reagan and other senior U.S. policymakers, especially the powerful White House chief of staff, Donald Regan. Since succeeding Alexander Haig in June 1982, Shultz has almost always managed to get his way.

The secretary, while understandably sensitive to the criticism from the right wing of the Republican Party, is showing no signs of leaving the state department. That makes Israeli officials and pro-Israeli supporters in Congress and the American Jewish community quite happy. They are hoping that he remains exactly where he is. The secretary has emerged in recent years as a great friend of Israel.

A decision by Shultz to resign, they said, could be extremely damaging to Israel right now, especially because it would come on the heels of Robert McFarlane's departure as White House national security advisor in December. McFarlane, who almost always sided with Israel's point of view on key decisions involving the Middle East, was replaced by Admiral Poindexter, a career naval officer considerably less robust in his sympathy for and attachment to Israel.

Earlier last year, UN ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, another outstanding supporter of Israel, resigned. Fortunately for Israel, her replacement, Vernon Walters, has emerged as another strong friend, even if at a somewhat lower profile.

That Shultz has become such a great champion of Israel is somewhat surprising, given his background with Bechtel, the San Francisco-based engineering consulting firm with huge contracts in Saudi Arabia and other oil-rich Arab states. After his appointment, there were real fears among Israeli officials and their supporters in Washington that the new secretary would move the U.S. away from Israel.

But that has certainly not occurred. Instead, Shultz has demonstrated a keen sensitivity to Israeli interests — economic, military and diplomatic.

Most recently, U.S. officials said, it was Shultz who played the decisive behind-the-scenes role in trying to quickly repair the damage in American-Israeli relations caused by the Jonathan Jay Pollard spy scandal.

While the wounds have not yet been entirely healed from that sordid affair — and the possibility of revived friction is still real once the secret grand jury meeting in Washington files its formal indictment against Pollard and his wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard — the current climate in Washington-Jerusalem relations is almost back to normal. Israeli officials are the first to credit Shultz for this.

Coincidentally, Minister Without Portfolio Moshe Arens had been in Washington when the Pollard incident initially erupted. Arens, a former defence minister and ambassador to the United States, had met with Shultz that very first day. Together, they set in motion the events which eventually led to Israel's diplomatically unprecedented decision to allow a high-level delegation from the state department, the justice department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. attorney's office in Washington to visit Israel. There, they met with the key Israeli intelligence operatives implicated in the affair. They also received all of the stolen documents from Israel.

Shultz, moreover, was in close personal contact with Prime Minister Shimon Peres throughout that ordeal. "We were very lucky that he (Shultz) was in charge," one Israeli official said. "It could have turned out much worse for us."

The secretary has established a good personal relationship with Arens, Peres, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and other Israeli leaders. He likes them and they like him. These personal ties have created a new climate of trust between Washington and Jerusalem. Indeed, U.S. and Israeli officials insist that American-Israeli relations are today still better than ever before, despite Pollard.

Without Shultz in the equation, however, the situation could easily suffer.

It is somewhat ironic that the right wing conservatives should complain so actively about Shultz, since he has probably been the most forceful advocate within the administration in getting tough with terrorism against the United States.

Shultz — much more than Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, Central Intelligence Agency Director William Casey, and even President Reagan himself — has repeatedly called for a firm U.S, response in dealing with the terrorists and their state sponsors, including the use of military measures. In the process, he has sounded very much like Israeli leaders defending their own actions against Arab terrorists.

"We must be prepared to commit our political, economic and, if necessary, military power when the threat is still manageable and when its prudent use can prevent the threat from growing," Shultz said recently.

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Shultz has not always come down on Israel's side. Like virtually everyone else in the Reagan administration, he is supportive of the proposed sale of advanced anti-aircraft missiles and jet fighters to Jordan. Israel opposes that proposed transaction, which is about to be considered once again by Congress.

But the secretary, even in urging Israel and its friends to go along with the long-term best national interest to see the U.S. remain the major weapons supplier to Jordan — rather than Britain, France and the Soviet Union. At least the U.S., he and other administration spokesmen have argued, will retain some control over the eventual use of that weaponry.

And strengthening King Hussein militarily, they add, will automatically encourage him to enter into direct peace negotiations with Israel. There will be other positive spinoffs for the U.S. (and Israel) in the region as well, according to the Americans.

Thus, Shultz is known to feel very frustrated by Israel's refusal to consider these arguments in easing its opposition to the proposed sale.

But the secretary understands that no Israeli government can be seen domestically as accepting U.S. weapons sales to Arab countries still in a technical state of war against Israel. The political consequences could be quite severe.

Post-Modern Divorce tries to give women a fair shake

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON —

The bare outlines of the O'Brien story are familiar, classic, even banal. Two young people get married. Nine years go by. He studies. She works. He gets an MD. She gets a PHT (Putting Hubby Through). Then he files for divorce.

In the old days, five or maybe 15 years ago, couples like Michael and Loretta O'Brien probably got a Traditional Divorce. The law back then was drawn by its architects to ask a moral question: Who was at fault for the breakup of the marriage? It was a messy design, but after a bit of wrangling, perhaps some perjury and a whole lot of moral judgment, a divorce was usually granted. To the "innocent" went the alimony.

More recently, such a couple faced a Modern Divorce. Between 1970 and 1980, the courtroom was trimmed of baroque moral judgments, streamlined for contemporary life. Fault was banned from the law because it was an anarchronism, rather like a gargoyle on a glass skyscraper.

The thoroughly Modern Divorce, with its pristine, hard-edged outlines, divvied up the past and the visible property — a car, a bank account, a house. It was designed with a wistful belief in fresh starts.

But Loretta and Michael O'Brien are part of the avant-garde of legal architecture. Last week, they became the owners of a Post-Modern Divorce. A new pillar, a new touch had been added to the modern structure.

Loretta O'Brien claimed, and the New York Court of Appeals agreed, that Michael O'Brien's medical degree was just another piece of property. Since that property was gained during the marriage and with the financial investment of his partner, Loretta was entitled to a part of her ex-husband's future income. She will get 40% of its assessed value, or $188,000 in 11 annual instalments.

The decision was not unique. There are now at least six states with similar cases on the books. In Michigan, a wife was awarded a share of a law degree. In Washington, a wife got a share of her husband's licence to practice dentistry. There are also six states that have ruled the other way.

The argument is intriguing because it comes out of the recent attempts to reform the divorce reform. Modern Divorce looked wonderful on the drafting board, but it has provided little shelter for women and children. As Stanford's Lenore Weitzman points out in her utterly convincing study of "The Divorce Revolution," divorce reform has been a financial disaster. Today, on average, the standard of living for a divorced woman and children goes down 73% in the first year while her husband's goes up 42%.

Under the roof of Modern Divorce laws, courts have treated husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, even MDs and PHTs with an even-handedness that is, in effect, unfair. Property has been divided both equally and inequitably.

Now, the Post-Modernists want to remodel a more livable space. Today, they argue, the major financial worth of a middle-class American family may not be in the bank account but in the company pension balance, may not be in a house but in an insurance plan. A couple's time and energy and money may not go into stocks and bonds but into a licence or a degree. The courts are being asked to think about "career assets" when they tally up the property for any divorce settlement.

The trickiest of all those career assets has to be the one featured in the O'Brien case. The PHT was always an honorary degree, a loving tip of the hat. It is the rare professional who doesn't believe at heart that he or she got that degree by individual labor.

One person studies. One name appears on a license. It isn't easy to price an investment in education when one doctor goes into brain surgery and another chooses missionary work, when one lawyer goes to Wall St. and another to Legal Aid.

At the same time, as Loretta O'Brien said, "I feel I should be compensated for the blood, sweat and tears of those years, when I had the whole financial burden on my shoulders." What is marriage if one person makes all the investment and the other is allowed to leave with the rewards? How different is her financial interest in a medical licence from her interest in any other business?

On the whole, I approve of this new pillar of Post-Modern Divorce because it may shore up the fragile status of some divorced women. But it is still flawed. Indeed, the architecture of divorce has been under constant renovation for the past 20 years, but it never seems quite right. Fairness is as elusive as ever. Have you noticed how hard it is to find a sturdy structure when the one called marriage falls apart?

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Histadrut mission

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Histadrut, Israel's trade union federation, has sent a 2-man delegation to South Africa to establish permanent links with Black trade unionists there. According to the Jerusalem Post, the mission has the behind-the scenes blessings of the Israel government, despite its ties with the regime in Pretoria.

The foreign ministry has provided part of the delegates' expenses, the Post said. The Histadrut men are to meet leaders of the new Black Trades Union Federation and the Congress of South Africa Trades Unions, including Cyril Ramaphosa, secretary of the powerful National Miners Union.

The objective of the Israelis is reported to be to enlist a group of Black trade unionists to attend a labor studies course at Histadrut's Afro-Asian Institute here.

World-National

Only Catholics, Protestants can vote for school boards

Bourassa promises remedial action on Bill 29

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Premier Robert Bourassa said his government will "act as soon as possible" on Bill 29, the law passed by the Parti Quebecois that prevents non-Catholics and non-Protestants from voting in school board elections.

"(Education Minister) Claude Ryan and myself have condemned the discriminatory aspects of Bill 29... All of the members of the Liberal caucus fought the bill when it was tabled, and we have not changed our minds about that," Bourassa told an audience at Congregation Beth Ora in St. Laurent.

Bourassa also promised to abolish those "irritants" in Bill 101, the language law, which require imported kosher food to be labeled in French.

"This is a problem of common sense...," he said. "You can be assured that it will be corrected by the Liberal government."

Bourassa spoke at Beth Ora the day before he won a seat in the National Assembly in a byelection in St. Laurent. It was his first public address to a Jewish audience since his re-election as Liberal leader. There are about 8,000 Jews among the 62,250 residents of the riding.

Bourassa, who was accompanied by Justice Minister Herbert Marx, answered written questions from the audience after a brief speech.

Bourassa skirted a question on the Palestine Liberation Organization, saying the Quebec Liberal Party endorses existing Canadian policy in this area with its emphasis on the respect of international borders and condemnation of all forms of terrorism.

Foreign policy is a federal matter, he indicated, noting that the Liberal Party never invited PLO representatives to its convention, an allusion to the presence of PLO representatives at a PQ convention several years ago.

Bourassa did not appear ready to make any concessions when asked about exemptions from Bill 101 for Jewish religious functionaries from outside Canada who wish to enrol their children in anglophone Jewish schools. At present, such persons are eligible for a maximum 6-year exemption.

Bourassa referred to the "Canada clause" judgment that permits children of parents from other provinces to attend English schools in Quebec. He said he is prepared to listen to presentations on anything going further than that.

On the question of bilingual signs, the premier said the government will wait until decisions are rendered on two cases concerning Bill 101 before the Court of Appeal. Hearings are scheduled to start March 10, Bourassa said. The two cases were given contradictory judgments in lower courts.

As a general principle, though, Bourassa said he has no objection to businesses wishing to do so having both French and English on signs.

Bourassa pledged an extra $150 million in social expenditures over the next two years aimed at alleviating the overcrowding of hospital emergency wards, which he described as "unacceptable."

He promised a similar amount for education to avoid a dramatic rise in university tuition fees.

In his own remarks, Bourassa stressed his priority of restoring political stability in the province as an essential prerequisite to economic growth. He said he wants to increase the level of foreign investment from 16% to 23-25%, which it was 10 years ago.

Tax reform is also necessary to attract investment, he said. One of the Liberals' first steps in that direction, he said, was its intention to abolish the 9% tax on insurance premiums, announced in their mini-budget last month. Another was decreasing the tax rate for high-income earners.

Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa signs autographs for youngsters following address at Congregation Beth Ora in St. Laurent as the congregation's honorary president Manny Dalfen looks on. [Howard Kay photo]

Anti-semitic vandalism appears in Alberta city

By
PAUL LUNGEN

RED DEER, Alta. — RCMP in Red Deer last week arrested a suspect following a spate of vandalism that saw nine area churches and public buildings dabbed with Stars of David with the word "Jew" painted in their centres.

Arrested in connection with the incidents is Delvin Dwain Carpenter, 37, of no fixed address, who pleaded not guilty to 17 counts of mischief.

Carpenter was released two days after arrest when his father posted $1,000 in bail. The trial date is set for Feb. 21.

Carpenter, who has a history of mental problems, was a frequent spectator at the trial of Jim Keegstra, the onetime Eckville school teacher found guilty last year of promoting hatred against Jews, according to Red Deer sources.

In a letter deposited in the door of The Advocate, Red Deer's daily newspaper, Carpenter states "I hate the Jews. I hate Satan and I will destroy the planet, humanity and every living soul before I would see one Jew saved or a son of Satan saved.

"Every human being has Satan's mark and the mark of the Jew on them."

The letter goes on to denounce Pope John Paul II, claiming he is a Jew, and is signed by "the last Christian, the doomsday prophet."

Carpenter's father, Ron, said he did not agree with the release of his son. "I believe he should have been put under treatment right away," he said, adding he felt obliged to put up the bail since it was his son's money and his son requested it.

At the bail hearing, court was told of a pyschiatric report which termed Carpenter "psychotic." The report was not allowed in evidence.

Court was told that on Dec. 26, Carpenter checked himself into the Alberta Hospital Ponoka, a mental institution about 65 miles from Red Deer. He checked himself out on Jan. 7.

Two Catholic churches were among the buildings vandalized, as were the court house where Keegstra was tried, city hall, the city library, the building housing provincial government offices and The Advocate.

Mac Vomberg, spokesman for the Calgary committee of B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights, told The CJN he suspects the vandalism is an isolated incident, unconnected with the activities of any group.

Vomberg said BB would be monitoring the trial. He noted the effect of the publicity given the incident on the people of Red Deer, calling it "an unwelcome spotlight" on their community after the national news attention the city received during the Keegstra trial.

Vomberg said one result of the Keegstra trial, which ran for 13 weeks last spring and summer, was a "major increase in awareness in Calgary and Alberta" of the issue of tolerance.

A reporting system has been established in Calgary to monitor incidents of racial intolerance, Vomberg said. The Calgary police are working in conjunction with a number of ethnic groups, including Jews, Sikhs, Chinese, Hindus, native Canadians and others, as well as with the Council of Christians and Jews and the Calgary Multicultural Centre to survey and analyze trends in intolerance.

"Calgary," Vomberg stated, "is fortunately becoming a fairly tolerant town." This sort of activity is not acceptable anymore and there's less of it, he said.

Bank Hapoalim Canada shows increased profits

TEL AVIV — **Bank Hapoalim's Canadian subsidiary has announced improved results for its 1985 financial year ending Oct. 31 with pretax profits rising 21% to $764,000 and net profits increasing at a similar rate to $367,000, The Jerusalem Post reports.**

The bank's balance sheet fell, however, from $172 million to $163 million.

The past year was the fourth in the Canadian subsidiary's history, and so far it has shown steady progress in profitability.

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By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: This past year, ads placed by the Jewish community in the United States and Canada were based on a quotation from the Talmud, saying, "He who saves one life is considered as if he saved the whole world." Have they quoted this correctly? Did they not leave out the word "mi-yisrael?" — Irving Donsky, Toronto.

Rabbi Burak

Looking at the printed text of the Talmud, you are right. But, based upon our oldest manuscripts and the Zohar, you are wrong, and the ads are right.

In Tractate Baba Basra, 11A, we are told that when Binyamin ha-Zaddik became desperately ill, the ministering angels asked for mercy on his behalf, with these words: "Master of the Universe. Thou hast declared that he who saves a single Jewish soul is as if he saved the whole universe. Then, shall Benjamin the Righteous who saved a woman and her seven children, shall he die with so few years?" At once the evil decree was torn up, and 22 more years were given to him. This text favors your viewpoint.

But, the Gaon Rabbi Yitzhak Arieli, in his Einayim le-Mishpat on that Tractate, draws our attention to the fact that other sources say nothing about it being necessarily a Jewish soul that is saved. Maimonides, in his Code, the Laws of Sanhedrin, Chapter 12:3, says: "He who saves a single life is considered as if he saved the whole world." Here, no distinction is made between Jew and non-Jew. Regardless of its religion, the life you save makes you the savior of the whole world.

The great commentaries on Maimonides give no sources for this statement which is so close to the spirit of the Talmud, and yet is so different from it, at first glance. It is Margolious, the erudite librarian, who clears this up very effectively in his work, Margolyos ha-Yam, on Tractate Sanhedrin, 37A, where the same talmudic statement is made. Margolious shows that the Dikduke Soferim which gives us old manuscript readings of Talmudic passages, gives us the saying without anything being said about the religion of the person whose life is saved.

One does not know whether the Rambam had seen the Zohar. That volume was not known, generally, until centuries later. But, the great scholars knew the work at least in bits and pieces. Margolious, in his Shaarei Zohar, shows that there is a parallel passage in the Zohar on Genesis, 208B, where praise is lavished on "the man who saves another's life." Thus this classic of Talmudic mysticism exalts the saving of any life regardless of the person's religion.

Margolious strengthens his point by showing that in the earliest printings of the Talmud, the word, mi-yisrael, is not to be found in Rashi on these passages. Rashi's reading of the text is: "He who saves one life is considered as having saved the whole world."

It is intriguing that a man like Rashi who lived through the horrors of the First Crusade, and a man like Maimonides who suffered from the fanaticism of the Almohades, should have taken such a generous position towards those who besmirched our faith. While Jews were being harried in many lands, other rabbinic guides continued to teach them the importance of every soul in the universe.

Maimonides taught the converse side of our ethical concept: "He who destroys a single life, has destroyed the whole universe." In these days, when terrorists go forth to shoot and kill people they don't even know, it is important to remember Maimonides' statement. Just as giving charity to one you don't even know is the highest form of charity, so is the murder of one whom you don't even know the worst form of criminality.

Likely landmark court judgment

Synagogue president must resign

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

In what is likely a landmark judgment, Quebec Superior Court has asked the president of a Montreal synagogue to resign because his candidature for the office is in violation of the statutes of the congregation.

Judge Gerard Turmel decided that Andre Maman must resign as president of Congregation Sepharade Or Hahayim in Cote St. Luc because he was not at the time of his election (by acclamation) on Jan. 23, 1985, a "founding member" of the congregation as defined in its statutes.

Article 30 of the congregation's statutes states that to be eligible for the position of president, the candidate must be a founding member of the corporation, which is defined in Article 8.2 as a member who contributed $2,600 or more at the time of the purchase of the synagogue building at 5700 Einstein.

Maman was also found by the court to have not met the other criterion for being a founding member: submit a request to the synagogue board which must be supported by two thirds of the members; and pay special dues determined by the board.

The matter was brought to court by a member of the synagogue board, Michel Abecera, who, according to his testimony during the hearing, had tried continually to have Maman removed from the presidency before taking the matter to court in September.

Abecera went to court after he and his family were prevented by Maman from entering the synagogue for a period of several weeks. Abecera won an injunction from Superior Court Sept. 12, just before the start of the High Holidays, that permitted he and his family to attend services and take part in board and other meetings open to the membership until a final judgment was rendered in the case.

Abecera, however, was warned that the injunction would be invalid if he caused any disturbance in the synagogue. Abecera then filed a suit to have Maman disqualified as president.

Judge Turmel decided that Maman's having contributed $520 at the time the synagogue building was purchased in 1979 and "pledged" the remainder of the $2,600 did not adhere to the letter of the statutes.

The congregation treasurer M.A. Bengio testified that Maman had remitted a series of 10 checks of $260 each, but only the first two were cashed because payment had been stopped on them. By so doing, the court decided Maman had in effect renounced his claim to the title of founding member.

Maman testified himself that about a week before he declared himself a candidate for president he remitted to the treasurer a series of postdated checks of $100 each, cashable from December, 1984. He admitted, however, under cross-examination that he had not made the request for the board's support nor had he paid special dues set by the board, as the congregation's statutes stipulate.

The court did not share Maman's lawyer Philip Fine's opinion that article defining who is a founding member was subject to interpretation and that the synagogue board was in the best position to decide that.

The court also did not accept Maman's argument that he had been elected by acclamation and Abecera had not questioned his eligibility at the time of his election.

Turmel said it wasn't the attitude of the petitioner that mattered but the statutes of the congregation that set out the conditions of eligibility for the post of president.

As of last week, Maman had not resigned as president. At press time it was reported he will appeal the decision.

Slave labor at Daimler-Benz

Study may spur reparations

BONN (JTA) —

Daimler-Benz AG., the Stuttgart-based automobile giant which manufactures the prestigious Mercedes, has commissioned an independent study of the company's history which includes the utilization of slave labor during the Nazi era.

A company spokesman told reporters last week that the study may lead to the payment of reparations to surviving slave laborers, many of whom are Jews, or to their families. He said the company expects to have a full account of the matter sometime next fall and will decide then how to proceed. He stressed that the question of reparations will not be limited to the legal aspects.

The Cologne-based Society for Business History was engaged in 1983 to do research in connection with the company's planned centenary celebrations. Their work includes an historical account titled Daimler-Benz in the Years From 1933 to 1984. According to Hans Pohl, an advisor to the society, Daimler-Benz used POWs and concentration camp inmates to expedite military production after the start of World War II.

According to his preliminary study, about 20,000 slave laborers from 20 Nazi-occupied countries were forced to work for Daimler-Benz at its various plants. Pohl said large numbers of them were Jews. The company, which has not paid reparations to date, said it has not been confronted with specific demands to do so.

Pohl said he has concluded, on the basis of evidence on hand, that Daimler-Benz did not identify itself with the Nazis beyond what was absolutely necessary to keep the company in operation. While most of the board members were members of the Nazi Party, many of them joined after the Nazis took power in 1933.

An exception was Wilhelm Kissel, board chairman when the war broke out. He joined the Nazi Party in 1934 but had been a member of the SS and of a Nazi professional organization before then. Kissel died in 1942 and was succeeded by Wilhelm Haspel, who was not a Nazi Party member.

Daimler-Benz was Germany's third largest motor company in the 1930s and, in order to survive, had to cooperate with the Nazis, Pohl reported. He said that as more and more male auto workers were recruited into the army, the company employed women and forced laborers, including concentration camp inmates and POWs. They were assigned by the State Labor Exchange as needed, he said.

One board member, Jacob Werlin, was Hitler's expert on matters relating to automobile production, Pohl said. But he reportedly used his contact with Hitler to advance the interests of Daimler-Benz.

Daimler-Benz is one of the few German industries to voluntarily investigate its wartime activities and relations with the Nazi regime and to consider reparations to slave laborers without being prodded. Earlier this month, the Flick industrial conglomorate paid the equivalent of $2 million to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany representing Jewish slave laborers used by one of its subsidiaries, Dynamit Nobel (CJN Jan. 16).

But this was done only after nearly 20 years of fruitless negotiations and after Flick's new owners, the Deutsche Bank, approved the payment as a "humanitarian gesture," not a legal obligation. Other German industries that have paid reparations to slave laborers include Krupp, Siemens and I. G. Farben.

Canadian Technion Society appoints Shimoni director

TORONTO —

Emanuel "Mannie" Shimoni has been appointed national executive director of the Canadian Technion Society.

Shimoni, who is on leave from the Technion, Israel's leading technical institute, served as its director of public affairs for the past nine years, overseeing the institute's fund raising and public affairs.

Prior to that, he served as Israel's consul general in Philadelphia and from 1969 to 1972, as political counselor to the Israeli embassy in Ottawa.

Born in Johannesburg in 1931, Shimoni immigrated to Israel in 1955 and in 1962, joined the government service, eventually heading the bureau of the minister of education and culture, the office of the deputy prime minister and the office of the foreign minister.

For seven years, Shimoni worked as right-hand man to Abba Eban, Israel's former foreign minister and ambassador to the United States and the United Nations and served on the Israeli delegation to the UN's General Assembly.

Emanuel Shimoni

As executive director, Shimoni will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Canadian Technion Society.

His appointment was announced by David Azrieli, national president of the Canadian Technion Society and Sidney Cohen, president of the Toronto chapter.

Reitman leads delegation at WJC Jerusalem meet

MONTREAL —

Twenty Canadians in a delegation led by Dorothy Reitman, chairman of the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress, are attending the 8th World Jewish Congress Plenary now under way in Jerusalem.

The WJC plenary, which is held every five years, has as its theme this year A Critique of the Past and a Plan for the Future.

Scheduled to address the hundreds of delegates are CJC legal counsel Prof. Irwin Cotler who is to speak on the Deschenes inquiry; Alan Rose, who is to report on his recent trip to Ethiopia; and Reitman, who is to present the Report from Canada.

Reitman will also host a reception for the new Canadian ambassador to Israel, James Bartleman, and his staff.

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Nothing on get issue in new legislation

Ottawa will consider Jewish divorce problem

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Representatives of Jewish and women's groups who successfully lobbied for changes to provincial law to make it easier for Jews to obtain gets will have to wait a little longer to see if similar changes will be made at the federal level (CJN Jan. 23).

Late last week the Divorce Act, which does not contain provisions to deal with the problem of gets, passed third reading.

Amendments to the Act were tabled recently by Liberal justice critic Robert Kaplan, following committee hearings but prior to third reading in the House of Commons. Kaplan told The CJN the amendments were not proposed earlier because of uncertainties about the position of the Jewish community.

Justice Minister John Crosbie told the House he had met with "representatives of the communities affected," but "regrettably the issue was raised late in the day and a number of complex questions about the nature of the problem as well as matters of constitutional law have to be resolved.

"I have instructed my officials to establish an expeditious process of consultation with representatives of all the various interests in order to resolve these outstanding issues.

"The government will give sympathetic and careful consideration to this issue and an equitable solution will be found if at all possible and as soon as possible," he said.

Referring to the timing of the amendments, Kaplan said they could have been included in the Divorce Act and passed even though they were introduced after committee hearings, since the government had passed other amendments at a similar stage.

The problem faced by some Jews seeking a get was addressed at the provincial level by two sections of the new Family Law Reform Act. They deal with the problem of spouses using the promise of a get to extort property settlements, and are modified versions of the proposals submitted to a legislative committee by a broad-based coalition (CJN Dec. 19).

John Syrtash, the lawyer for the group, says "the unity is at least as important as the achievement" of promoting the legislation.

With the recent approbation of the Toronto Board of Rabbis (TBR), which includes Conservative, Reform and Orthodox rabbis, all segments of the religious Jewish population lined up behind the proposals, Syrtash says.

His clients include The Toronto Committee on Get, B'nai B'rith Canada, the Vaad Haraboni-im, the Lawyers Committee on Get, Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region, The Women's Perspective Advisory Committee, Jewish Family & Child Service and the Jewish Women's Federation, an umbrella organization with 49 constituent groups including Hadassah and the National Council of Jewish Women.

Syrtash told The CJN he met recently with representatives of the Opposition and the government to discuss amendments to federal law similar to those passed in Ontario.

"We received a very sympathetic hearing," Syrtash stated. "Everyone seems to realize it's an important problem."

Kaplan noted that while the Divorce Act tabled in House does not contain provisions dealing with gets, he did not discount the possibility that amendments he proposed will be addressed at a later stage.

Kaplan said he introduced amendments "similar" to those passed in Ontario, adding his proposals streamline the procedures involved.

Gisela Ruebsaat, legislative assistant to Svend Robinson, NDP justice critic, told The CJN "we're studying the proposal now and are sympathetic to any call for public hearings on the issue."

Back at the provincial level, unity within the Jewish community was achieved when the language employed in the Family Law Reform Act cured defects cited by Jewish critics of the initial proposals.

Prior to the endorsement by the TBR, concern had been expressed by Jordan Pearlson, rabbi at Temple Sinai, who questioned the wording of the proposals, as well as the failure of the group lobbying for changes to solicit the views of Reform rabbis, even though it had approached a Catholic canon lawyer for his views.

Pearlson told a meeting of CJC Ontario Region, which later voted to support efforts to amend the provincial law, that the wording of the proposals as they stood then could open the door to a judicial inquiry to examine Jewish religious "principles."

"There was some apprehension that it would be impossible to keep secular authorities out of legislating religious authenticity," said Rabbi Erwin Schild, president of the TBR. But "the new proposals remove our concerns."

Schild noted there is a built-in problem in the mechanics of Jewish divorce — obtaining consent.

An all too common practice was for a spouse, usually the husband, to make demands for a favorable property or financial settlement in exchange for a get. (Without a Jewish divorce, religious women can not remarry even though they have obtained a divorce under Canadian civil law, and any subsequent children would be considered illegitimate.)

Incredibly, that tactic led in one instance to a spouse's family paying a husband $100,000 in exchange for a get.

The new family law act allows someone applying for support or a property division or someone filing a defence to that applicaton to file a court statement declaring the spouse "has removed all barriers that are within his or her control and that would prevent the other spouse's remarriage within that spouse's faith."

Failure to file the statement could lead to the application being dismissed or the defence being "struck out."

Those provisions address the main problem presented by greedy or vindictive spouses, notes Syrtash, though he warned they are not a cure-all. He said he hoped it "should lead to religious education to use moral suasion to persuade" spouses not to use the get to extort property settlements.

Dvora Danziger, a member of the Toronto Committee on Get, told The CJN the committee "sees (the issue) as a woman's and civil rights issue that oversteps any petty differences between organizations.

"That's why we feel the federal government will pick up on this," she adds, echoing a similar statement by Kaplan.

"It's not just a Jewish issue," Danziger stresses, pointing to the support of the Women's Perspective Advisory Committee, established to advise the provincial Liberal caucus on women's issues.

Says Rabbi Schild of the provincial legislation: "We welcome any contribution to any solution to the problem that has dogged the Jewish community for a long time — forever. The legislation goes as far as any secular legislation could towards ameliorating the problem."

Sharon and Time settle out of court in Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Ariel Sharon, the controversial former defence minister, has reached an out-of-court settlement in his libel suit against Time magazine in a Tel Aviv district court.

The amount of the settlement was not disclosed but according to Israel Radio it is a very considerable sum, far in excess of the legal expenses incurred by the Likud minister.

Sharon, who is minister of commerce and industry in the Labor-Likud unity coalition government, said on a radio interview that he was satisfied with the outcome of his 3-year legal battle with Time. He said he regarded the settlement "as a victory for truth and freedom of expression for the press."

Sharon sued the American weekly for libel in connection with an article published on Feb. 21, 1983. Time alleged that, as Israeli defence minister during the Lebanon war, Sharon privately urged the family of assassinated Lebanese president-elect Bashir Gemayel to take revenge, leading to the massacre of Palestinian civilians in the Shatila and Sabra refugee camps in Israel-occupied West Beirut in September, 1982, by a Christian Phalangist militia.

The article also claimed that a secret addendum — known as Appendix B — to the report of the Kahan Commission, which investigated the massacre, held Sharon directly responsible. The Kahan Commission, in its published report, held Sharon to have been indirectly responsible and urged then Premier Menachem Begin to dismiss him. Sharon subsequently resigned as defence minister.

He filed a $50 million libel suit against Time in the U.S. A federal court jury in New York decided that the Time article had been defamatory and untruthful. But the judge dismissed Sharon's charge of libel and he did not collect damages from Time. Under American law, libel can be established only if there is proof of malice on the part of the media. Time nevertheless apologized for its article.

Although vindicated in the American court, Sharon pursued his libel case in Israel, demanding damages equivalent to $250,000. The proceedings were expedited when Sharon's attorney, Dov Weissblat and Time's attorney, Shmuel Barzel, agreed that the findings of the New York jury could be admitted as evidence in the case. This obviated the need to repeat the entire case from scratch.

There is no malice clause in Israeli libel law.

Soviet Jewish religious leader arives in Israel with family

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A Soviet aliya activist who became a self-taught Orthodox Jew while still in the Soviet Union, arrived here last week with his wife, three children and his wife's parents.

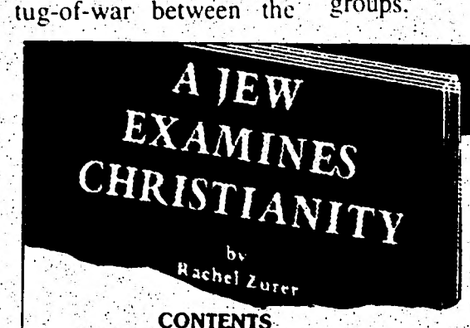
Ilya Essas, described as a bal tshuva, was granted an exist visa after World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman intervened with the Soviet authorities on his behalf. His parents immigrated to Israel several years ago.

Essas is the recognized leader of a Jewish religious revivalist movement, which apparently is functioning in the USSR despite Soviet official opposition to all religions. His halachic knowledge, gained without benefit of formal instruction, is such that he is consulted by observant Jews all over the Soviet Union on religious matters. His following inside Russia is said to closely resemble chassidic sects.

Essas, who speaks Hebrew fluently, plunged into a longstanding controversy within minutes of his arrival. Speaking to reporters, he denounced fellow Soviet-Jewish emigres who choose to live in countries other than Israel.

Essas also triggered a tug-of-war between the Aguda Israel and other Orthodox parties over which would claim him as its own.

The establishment Orthodox groups appealed to him not to join the non-Zionist Orthodox fringe groups.



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President of Weizmann Society and Toronto Symphony

Beck to boost responsibilities of top volunteers

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

His friends in the Jewish community agree that Tom Beck is a curious paradox in more ways than one.

Paradox No. 1: He's chairman of Noma Industries Limited, a $200 million conglomerate best known to the public as Canada's leading manufacturer of Christmas lights, Christmas tree tinsel, and other products that sparkle during the Christian Yuletide.

Yet Beck takes tremendous pride in his Jewish heritage.

Paradox No. 2: He's seemingly the epitome of the standoffish English gentleman, steeped in understatement while studying for his Electrical Engineering degree at London University's Queen Mary College, and ever since then a reserved businessman who has taken pains to shun the limelight.

Yet here he is now at 59, suddenly shucking off that anonymity, and simultaneously accepting not one, but *two* presidencies of volunteer organizations that will thrust him into the public spotlight.

He's the new national president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, whose 5,000 members in 11 chapters across Canada help support Israel's internationally renowned science research centre in Rehovot.

And he's the new president of the Toronto Symphony, the city's 64-year-old, world-class cultural institution, with an annual budget of $10 million and a list of more than 40,000 subscribers — the largest subscription audience for an orchestra in North America.

However, despite this uncharacteristic switch to a high profile, a CJN interview with Beck last week ought to reassure his friends that he isn't preparing to glitter unabashedly like a Christmas tree.

Rather, he intends to introduce a new policy that'll delegate greater authority to the top volunteers in both organizations and thus encourage *them* to shine in full glory.

"It's the same business policy that's enabled Noma to grow," said Beck, a low-key, silvery-haired charmer of cultivated tastes, relaxing amid the muted Canadian abstracts and cheery David Hockney clown painting in his executive suite on north Yonge.

He explained that he gives virtually total autonomy to the top managers of Noma's 10 operating companies in Canada and two subsidiary companies in the U.S.

"If you allow them to run their own show," he said, "it enhances their self-esteem and stimulates them to build their operations with greater entrepreneurial initiative."

In a like manner, he proposes to bolster the responsibilities and prestige of each Weizmann chapter president and each Toronto Symphony vice-president, thus goading their individual entrepreneurship.

Beck glorifies his own entrepreneurial mentor by hanging her portrait at the entrance of his offices like a revered icon. It's a painting of his mother, Theresa, who died three years ago at 81 after co-founding Noma with him in Toronto in 1950 with a capital of $3,000.

Tom Beck is the new national president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

He describes her as a dynamo "with tremendous drive and fantastic energy, who was still working six hours a day at the office here the day before she died."

He says she was "also a tyrant who could be as tough as nails when building the business in the early days. She liked to pitch in at the plant and enjoyed calling herself 'one of the boys.' She was a woman devoted to culture, but taught me to respect the doers of the world."

She was patently a self-propelled doer herself. When Beck was a young child growing up in Budapest, she divorced her more easygoing husband, Bela Goldman (a former grain merchant now retired in Toronto at 89), and assumed custody of the boy. She supported Tom by establishing her own couturier design house in Budapest.

In August, 1939, immediately before the outbreak of World War II, she and her son moved to England, where 13-year-old Tom was enrolled in a private boarding school.

"I was told that Hungary in 1920 had become the first European country to initiate anti-semitic laws," he says. "Because 6% of Hungary's population was Jewish, the universities restricted Jewish enrolment to 6% in any class.

"But what made me truly aware of my Jewishness was more tragic. It really penetrated when I found that at least 20 of my relatives were killed in the Holocaust."

That realization induced him to discard his usual avoidance of self-publicity and accept the challenge of heading the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute.

"It's tied in to my feelings toward Israel," he says. "When Jews are persecuted anywhere in the world, it's a good feeling to know there's one place that stands up for Jews unequivocally. And by contributing to the Weizmann Institute, we Canadians can focus world attention on an Israeli institution that contributes to all mankind."

"A very special identification"

Israelis join in tribute to King

By
JOE POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

Israelis joined with Black and Jewish Americans in song, speech and permanent living symbols of dedication to the ideals of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. on the civil rights martyr's 57th birthday recently.

In ceremonies in Jerusalem and Washington, the preacher whose life was ended by an assassin's gunfire nearly 18 years ago in Memphis, Tenn., was honored for his advocacy of nonviolence to bring justice and equality for human beings everywhere, his support for the State of Israel and Zionism, and his call for help for Soviet Jewry.

Israel became the first country outside of America itself to officially proclaim his greatness and martyrdom, Israeli officials said. Near Nazareth in Galilee, an ever-increasing forest of the original 10,000 trees contributed by the Jewish National Fund in 1976 symbolizes the country's feelings for him. For his 57th birthday, a major street in Jerusalem was named for him.

The Knesset held a reception in his honor in Chagall Hall to which were invited representatives of every American organization with offices in Israel. Schools marked the day with special programs about the civil rights leader's life.

The Israeli embassy was host to more than 500 guests in a program with tributes by the Ambassador Meir Rosenne and invited guests including Yolanda King who spoke movingly about her father. Choirs from Washington's 19th Street Baptist Church and Howard University sang spirituals in honor of King's memory.

Asher Naim, the embassy's information attache who presided at the ceremonies, announced that in recognition of Coretta King's work to bring about the realization of her husband's dreams, the Jewish National Fund has arranged for the planting of a grove of 1,000 trees in her honor in Israel.

Rosenne said it is "uniquely fitting that Jews should remember and celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. for, from the beginning, from the moment of his appearance on the public scene, Jews felt — and we continue to feel — a unique affinity, a special identification, and a powerful affection for him."

He noted that "more than any other ethnic and religious community in America, the Jews staunchly supported Dr. King's work and marched with him in his struggle for justice and peace.

"Jews," Rosenne added, "sensed that Dr. King himself felt a very special identification with the Jewish people." He expressed "hope that the spirit of peace and reconciliation, exemplified" by King's "life and work, will overcome the forces of evil and hatred and violence abroad in the world today. That has always been the prayer of the Jewish people."

Shared his agony

Isaiah Robinson Jr., vice-president of the American-Israel Friendship League who has been the only Black president of New York City's Board of Education, spoke of the inspiration he drew from his visit to Israel which he called "a 20th century miracle." He noted that the league has sent some 200 youngsters to Israel and "all of them have been changed by their experiences and inspired to work for better lives."

Washington Mayor Marion Barry spoke of his visit to Israel in 1981 and the civil rights movement in which he participated in the 1960s. "Some of our strongest allies in the movement were from the Jewish community," the mayor said. "Jews and Blacks worked together." He drew a parallel between the enslavement of Jews in Egypt and the oppression of Blacks.

Rabbi Joseph Sternstein, the JNF's president, recalled an occasion when King attended a Rabbinical Assembly convention. "He unburdened himself to the rabbis who shared with him his agony in fighting those who resisted justice," Sternstein said.

The former president of the Zionist Organization of America described King as "one of the righteous of the world." The rabbi spoke "the shame of those who maintain the canard, the untruth that Zionism is racism. We brought back our Black brothers to Israel," he declared, referring to the rescue of Ethiopian Jews.

"The Jewish people," Sternstein said, "will always stand with the Black people — shoulder to shoulder. We shall live, we shall act, and together we shall overcome."

Heritage series

Last week's CJN ran a story saying the PBS television series Heritage: Civilization and the Jews would be rebroadcast in nine parts every Thursday night at 9 p.m. The article should have said the shows get underway every Thursday at 8 p.m.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origin over the past few years.

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FRUM — GOTTLIEB

Frum is German for pious. It describes the quality of adherence to Jewish faith and ritual. A female was named "Frum" and in turn became responsible for the matronymic surname Frumkin.

Frumherz is a pious heart.

It is interesting to note that the television character Archie Bunker is an ideological kinsman. Bunker is a corruption of the French "bon coeur" — good heart.

Gottlieb — love of God is another name that connotes piety. Here too it is interesting to note the Italian "Amodeo," the Hebrew "Jedidiah," the Greek "Theodore" (in feminine "Dorothea"), and the Slavic "Bogolub" — all indicating love of God.

MILLER

The daily bread was the staff of life of the community. Milling wheat and other cereals was an essential occupation. Mueller (miller in German) was a vocational surname like Baker. A variation was Mehlman (meal man) and Millstone with which the miller ground his wheat. In Polish a miller was a Melnik.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Abraham Moses Klein died Feb. 4, 1972. In the light of increasing public attention, the multi-faceted Montrealer is recognized as the late poet laureate of English-speaking Jewry.

Klein, born in 1909, was already a committed and accomplished writer by the age of 19. His article, Notes on Cultural Zionism, published in the Zionist periodical The Judean — describing the intellectual challenges facing the renascent Jewish nation — was an early landmark in the Montreal community's achievements.

A student at McGill University, his literary circle included a number of Jews and Gentiles who went on to prominent academic careers, like Henry James' biographer Leon Edel. Montreal's unique environment — compounded of francophones, anglophones, Catholics, Protestants and Jews in a French island in the midst of a larger English sea — stimulated and shaped Klein's literary development. The young writer's sights in this broadened horizon, however, focused sharply on the multi-millenial paradox of its Jews.

Klein's postgraduate dedication to establishing a legal career was far from wholehearted. He was disturbed by the urge to write and by the electrifying developments as Jews tried to re-establish their state in the Middle East. The daily drama of increasing Arab violence in Palestine and British unfriendliness and broken promises, matched by heightened Jewish efforts, was something Klein took personally. He reacted to these events in poetry and prose.

His quandary seemed solved when he became editor of Montreal's Canadian Jewish Chronicle in 1938. For the next 30 years, Klein invested his forum, heart and soul, with essays, reviews, criticisms, editorials, and political analyses dealing with Jewish problems. The latter, in addition to Palestine, included an ominous new dimension: Hitler's all-out campaign of destruction. Muffled by the thunder of World War II, isolated reports of extermination were too incredible to be believed. In 1944, Klein published The Hitleriad, a bitter satire of the Nazi regime. He also attacked Stalin and Mussolini.

Klein wrote fine sensitive essays on famous personalities he admired, including : foremost 20th century physicist Albert Einstein; visionary author H. G. Wells; outspoken Zionist leader Ze'ev Jabotinsky; the latter's political alter ego, Zionist diplomat Chaim Weizmann; mystical philosopher Martin Buber; equivocal (for the Jews) British leader Winston Churchill; Zionist theoretician Max Nordau; and early chassidic leader Rabbi Levi Yitzhak of Berdichev.

An anthology of his essays and editorials published a couple of years ago by the University of Toronto Press, Beyond Sambation, at some 540 pages represents little more than a tenth of Klein's journalistic work that appeared in The Chronicle between 1928 and 1955. Yet, the "higher journalism" of Klein's prose paints a vivid and compelling picture of international and local Jewish life that is relevant to this day, and provides rare and valuable insights.

It is in his poetry that a writer expresses his fundamental concerns. These for Klein, who was intoxicated with the English language and its literature, amounted to one word: Jewishness. He articulated time-tested truths of being Jewish with sublime verbal skill. Speaking as an EveryJew, he described himself as a link in the chain of generations:

Not sole was I born, but entire genesis,
For to the fathers that begat me, this
Body is residence. Corpuscular,
They dwell in my veins, they eavesdrop at my ear,
They circulate, as with Torahs, round my skull . . .
And there look generations through my eyes.

The imagery of Jewish literature past and present illuminate as prosaic a structure as a grain elevator in Montreal's harbor, which, writes Klein, "rises blind and Babylonian . . . (a) Leviathan swamped on our shore . . . (or) the blind ark lost and petrified."

He did not hesitate to express his struggle with faith, which he came away from as Jewish as ever. Poetry and prose fuse in his short mystical novel, The Second Scroll.

Klein did not fail to respond to his French Canadian environment. An early poem, for example, gives playful praise to his city of Joined double-meloldied vocabulaire/Where English vocable and roll Ecossic,/Mollified by the parle of French/Bilinguefact your air.

Various cultural and academic efforts in Canada are providing a new generation with the opportunity to appreciate his achievements.

Unofficial Israeli representative until now

Hadass to be first envoy to Spain

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Shmuel Hadass, who has been Israel's unofficial representative in Madrid until now, will become the Jewish state's first ambassdor to Spain, it was learned here following the recent establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. (CJN Jan. 23.)

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency last week that "I regard the establishment of relations between Israel and Spain as a very important step in strengthening Israel's political standing in the world, particularly in Europe. This is, in effect, a correction which has been needed for many years."

He added, "We welcome this important step, and I hope we shall witness the development of significant relations in all spheres, the political, the economic and the social."

The announcements were made simultaneously in Jerusalem, Madrid and The Hague, where the documents of mutual recognition were signed by Yeshayahu Anug, deputy director general of the Israeli foreign ministry, and Maximo de Kajal, director of the European affairs department of the Spanish foreign ministry. Premier Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez of Spain met at The Hague.

Spain is the last Western European nation to establish full diplomatic ties with Israel. The joint communique issued by both countries states that the decision was made, among other reasons, because of the deep historic connections between the Spanish and Jewish peoples. The move had been sought by Israel for many years.

Arrangements were completed during a secret visit to Madrid early this month by Labor MK Micha Harish and Uri Savir who was Peres' communications advisor in the Spanish capital.

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TORONTO — B'nai B'rith Canada has praised the recent move by the Spanish government to establish full diplomatic relations with Israel (CJN Jan. 23).

In a letter to the Spanish ambassador to Canada, B'nai B'rith president Harry Bick and executive vice-president Frank Dimant stated, "It is indeed a significant display of the strength of Spain's diplomatic relations with Israel — the only democracy in the Middle East."

BBC has watched the development of diplomatic relations between Israel and Spain closely during the past five years, Bick told The CJN. In addition to a series of meetings with the previous Spanish ambassador, B'nai B'rith initiatives have included two leadership missions to Spain to meet with Spanish and Canadian officials there.

"Peace will be brought to the Middle East only with the input and support of the entire Western world. The full recognition of Israel is a significant step toward establishing that peace," stated Dimant, who took part in the recent BB missions to Spain.

"We welcome the news and are hopeful that it will mark the beginning of many years of mutual cooperation."

Human Relations Award for 3

TORONTO —

Dr. A. A. (Bucky) Epstein, Douglas Bassett and Joseph Barnicke will receive the Human Relations Award of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews at a banquet in the Sheraton Centre in Toronto on Monday evening, Feb. 17.

On that occasion, the Nicholas and Hedy Munk International Brotherhood Award will be bestowed on Dr. Gerhardt Riegner of Geneva, Switzerland, who retired last year as general secretary of the World Jewish Congress after a half-century of service to that organization and to the world Jewish community.

The evening will be chaired by N. Jane Pepino, a Toronto lawyer and a member of the Metropolitan Toroto Police Commission. Farah Shroff, a student at Trent University in Peterborough, will give an account of her involvement over the past few years in the student exchange and youth conference programs of the CCCJ.

The Human Relations Award was established in 1952, and its recipients include prime ministers and premiers, chief justices and outstanding members of the clergy, and business and community leaders. A 1985 honoree was Rose Wolfe, chairman of the Joint Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

Previous awardees have included J. Irving Oelbaum, Laurie Simonsky, Senator David Croll, Dr. David Baltzan of Saskatoon, Chief Justices Samuel Freedman of Manitoba, Nathan Nemetz of British Columbia and Alan Gold of Quebec, Toronto Mayors Nathan Phillips and Philip Givens, Kenneth Soble, D. Lou Harris, Bert Godfrey, Max Enkin, Harry Cohen, Sam Steinberg, Ray Wolfe, Dean Maxwell Cohen, Senator Lazarus Phillips, Arthur Pascal, Murray Koffler, Sam Reitman, Max Shecter, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, Jimmy Kay, R. Lou Ronson, Charles Bronfman, Sidney Spivak, A. E. Diamond, Melvyn A. Dobrin, Rabbi Erwin Schild, Paul Godfrey, Edwin Goodman, Philip Vineberg, Rabbi Bernard Baskin, Marnie Paikin and federal Chief Justice Bora Laskin.

At the banquet, the presentation to Epstein will be made by Cedric Ritchie, chairman of the Bank of Nova Scotia; to Bassett by Murray Koffler; and it is hoped that the presentation to Barnicke will be made by former Ontario Premier William Davis.

The citation to Riegner for the Munk award will be given by Dr. Victor Goldbloom, president of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and president of the International Council of Christians and Jews.

Tickets at $75 per person, $750 per table of 10, may be obtained by calling Jeane Kotick at (416) 364-3101.

Name change for MDA body

MONTREAL — Canadian Red Magen David for Israel will receive a name change to ease identification with its parent, Israel's emergency and blood service, the organization's board of directors decided in a recent meeting here.

The organization's name will be changed to Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel and application is to be made for legal revision of the organization's charter in which the current name appears.

"The decision to revise our name with the addition of one word, Adom, is simply that it would upgrade our identification with the parent Magen David Adom in Israel, says Paul Saxe of Montreal who recently succeeded Morton Rosenthal, also of Montreal, as national president of the organization.

Paul Saxe

Canadian support for MDA is important as never before because of the expansion of its services in the new blood centre in Ramat Gan that is scheduled to be completed late this year, Saxe said.

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Editorial

Important symbol

It took 494 years but the sovereign nation of Spain has finally undid some small way, the damage which the Spanish people inflicted on Jews under the reign of Queen Isabella.

In 1492, the same year Columbus discovered America, that queen, at the prompting of various political and ecclesiastical councillors, issued the infamous expulsion edict which required Spain's Jews to leave the country or accept Christianity.

Almost 500 years later the authorities in Madrid have recognized the State of Israel.

The Spanish gesture, carried out under unusual circumstances of secrecy (because of fears of Arab repercussions — which will undoubtedly come), is an important symbolic one.

Spain is not today the power it was in those days when Spanish galleons challenged England for imperial supremacy. The day is long past since Spain's colonial empire in Central and South America brought the mother country unimaginable wealth from the gold of that continent.

The resumption of formal relations between Israel and Spain marks a renewal, however, of a link between two peoples who once shared a similar fate on the Iberian penninsula.

It was in Spain that the Jewish people developed some of its finest intellectual and religious monuments. According to some critics, the Jewish experience in Spain was a "golden age."

When Christian obscurantism and intolerance drove the Jews out of Spain in 1492 it caused an immense rupture in the fabric of Jewish life. Those who were forced out, however, took with them many of the beautiful traditions, linguistic and social, to which they had been wedded in Spain.

For five centuries the remnants of Spanish Jewry crisscrossed Europe, North Africa and parts of Asia bearing within them the memories of the Spanish countryside, its language and its charm.

The sad separation during those many years is now ended as the Jewish remnant joins forces with the Spanish to renew and reinforce old ties.

Baring its soul

Daimler-Benz, the West German automobile manufacturer renowned for the Mercedes, has commissioned an independent study of the company's history from 1933 to 1945, part of the period during which the automaker used forced laborers, many of whom were Jewish, in its factories.

The news is significant for two reasons. By commissioning the study, Mercedes became one of the first major firms in West Germany to voluntarily investigate its wartime activities. And by delving into its checkered past, Mercedes, as a company spokesman said last week, may well have laid the ground for the payment of reparations to surviving slave laborers.

Mercedes' decision to bare its soul and apparently face the financial consequences comes just weeks after a subsidiary of the Flick conglomerate paid over $2 million to the New York- based Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. Flick, in 1964, had agreed to pay wartime indemnification to surviving forced laborers, but in 1970, on the advice of its lawyers, it decided not to do so. However, after the Deutsche Bank, West Germany's largest private commercial bank, took over most of Flick in January, a "humanitarian gesture" to the survivors was approved.

Regrettably, the events surrounding Deutsche Bank's takeover of Flick triggered an anti-semitic backlash. Hermann Fellner, a member of one of West Germany's most important political parties, and a representative of its "clean" postwar generation, suggested that Jews were being greedy by demanding reparations. Fellner later apologized for his crude and patently false remarks, but the damage was done. The West German government was embarrassed, as was the Deutsche Bank, which scarcely needs such publicity.

Mercedes, in deciding to confront its past unflinchingly, will probably not run into the needless problems that dogged Flick and the Deutsche Bank. Once again, Mercedes appears to have beaten the competition.

Anti-Zionism merges with outright anti-semitism

Much cause to loathe Qadaffi

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Americans love to hate Muammar Qadaffi, the fiery leader of Libya. And after last December's terrorist outrages in Italy and Austria, they have one more reason to loathe him.

Qadaffi, who marked the 16th anniversary of his bloodless coup in September, is, after King Hussein of Jordan, the most durable head of state in the turbulent Arab world. Like his late Egyptian idol, Gamal Abdul Nasser, Qadaffi is an apostle of pan-Arabism and anti-Americanism. Since thrusting to power, at the age of 27, he has thumbed his nose at the U.S., alienated a string of Arab rulers, and earned a reputation as a brazen sponsor of international terrorism.

His image in America has, to say the least, been negative. But since Dec. 27, when a gang of Palestinian terrorists opened fire on passengers in airports in Rome and Vienna, killing 15 people (including five Americans and one Israeli), Qadaffi's stock has plummeted even further.

The U.S. government claims that Libya provided logistical and financial support to the gunmen, disciples of extremist Palestinian Abu Nidal. And, in a paper released to the press, the state department accused Libya of having masterminded more than 50 terrorist attacks in Europe and in the Middle East since 1980, and of permitting the existence of 15 Palestinian training camps on its soil.

Qadaffi, while voicing strong support for the Palestinian cause, has denied the charges. But the Reagan administration says it has irrefutable evidence to back up its accusations.

In imposing economic sanctions on Libya, freezing its American assets, ordering Americans working there to leave, and threatening to fight Qadaffi with military means if necessary, the U.S. has simply stepped up its war of nerves against Libya.

Never on an even keel since Qadaffi's takeover, Libyan-U.S. relations deteriorated sharply during the presidency of Jimmy Carter and declined still more under Ronald Reagan.

In 1979, a mob burned and sacked the U.S. embassy in Tripoli as Libyan policemen stood idly by, and two years later, American jets shot down two Libyan planes challenging them over the Gulf of Sidra in the Mediterranean Sea. In 1982, Reagan banned the sale of military goods to Libya and imports of its oil.

Qadaffi has not been intimidated by the flexing of America's muscles. Last year, long before the massacres in Rome and Vienna, he launched a series of verbal blasts directed at the U.S.

In April, Qadaffi said violence should be brought to bear against the U.S. and its regional ally, Egypt. He made this comment after saying "there is no alternative to confronting the enemy with violence." In response, a state department spokesman said, "The world cannot tolerate the lawlessness and terrorism which Qadaffi so openly advocates."

After a coup in neighboring Sudan, Qadaffi warned Reagan his "nose will be cut" if the U.S. interfered in the affairs of that country. During the summer, Reagan charged Libya with being one of five nations behind world terrorism, and went on to say that Qadaffi and company constituted one of "the strangest collection of misfits, loony tunes and squalid criminals since the advent of the Third Reich." By way of reaction, Qadaffi called Reagan an imbecile and accused Washington of "state-organized terrorism."

No sooner had the dust from this episode settled than American

Muammar Qadaffi

newspapers reported that the Reagan administration had approved a covert plan to weaken Qadaffi. No details were published, but disclosure of Washington's intentions confirmed Qadaffi's strongly-held view that the U.S. is plotting to overthrow him.

The animus that has developed between Libya and the U.S. is not hard to understand.

Successive American presidents have come to believe that Qadaffi is not only an advocate of pan-national terrorism, but a subverter of pro-U.S. conservative Arab regimes and a radical who has aligned Libya with the Soviet Union.

Qadaffi regards the U.S. as an imperialist nation bent on subverting Arab lands, and resents very deeply its multifaceted support of Israel. "America is determined to subjugate the Arab homeland... We on our part are determined to resist America," he said in a 1984 speech over Tripoli Radio. To this day, Qadaffi remains one of the last remaining Arab leaders who, in public, is still committed to Israel's destruction. Qadaffi's anti-Zionism is so fierce and unrelenting that it merges with outright anti-semitism.

Nine months ago, he defended broadcasts to Tunisia and Morocco which incited people there to kill their Jewish minorities. After claiming that the Israeli army was murdering Lebanese civilians, he declared: "This calls for an answer in the same fashion. How can you allow the killing of Arab families while rejecting such actions against Jews?"

In calling for the slaughter of Jews in Morocco and Tunisia, Qadaffi showed how cavalier he can be in his relations with his fellow Arabs, how insensitive he is to national boundaries.

As a vociferous Arab nationalist, it is his belief that the Arab world is really "one nation" and that its borders are the arbitrary creations of 19th-century Western colonialism. On the occasion of the 16th anniversary of his coup, he noted: "This is our homeland from the (Atlantic) ocean to the (Persian) Gulf. This is our single people. We do not recognize the borders which have been drawn up... to partition the single Arab people. We support... the realization of Arab unity by force."

In his attempt to emulate his mentor, Nasser, Qadaffi has tried, albeit unsuccessfully, to unify Libya with Egypt, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and South Yemen. His repeated failures have led him to conclude that real pan-Arabism cannot be achieved unless genuine revolutionary change occurs in the Arab world.

By promoting revolution, and constantly criticizing Arab countries for following this or that policy he finds objectionable, Qadaffi has not exactly endeared himself in various Arab capitals.

Today, he is virtually isolated in the Middle East, despite the fact that 45 Islamic countries recently rallied around him in his showdown with the U.S. Qadaffi has good relations with Syria and, oddly enough, with Morocco, a pro-Western monarchy. But otherwise, he is effectively isolated.

He has not had diplomatic relations with Egypt since Anwar Sadat forged a rapprochement with Israel. In 1979, Libya and Egypt fought a brief border war. Hosni Mubarak, the Egyptian president, has since accused Libya of sowing mines in the Red Sea, planning a bombing raid on the Aswan High Dam, trying to assassinate Libyan opponents of Qadaffi living in Cairo, and masterminding the hijacking of an EgyptAir passenger jet to Malta.

Jordan broke ties with Libya in 1984 after its embassy was burned by an angry crowd. Qadaffi has described Jordan as an "Israeli colony" because it reestablished formal relations with Egypt.

In June of 1985, Iraq severed its links with Libya in protest over its support of Iran in the Gulf War. And in September, Tunisia followed suit, saying that Libya sent letter bombs to local journalists, that it had illegally expelled 30,000 Tunisian migrant workers and that its aircraft had violated Tunisian territory.

Supremely confident of his views, buoyed by tremendous oil wealth, and enjoying popularity among most Libyans, Qadaffi has not despaired of these setbacks. Despite the revulsion he arouses in the U.S. and many parts of the Middle East, it is unlikely he will change his ways.

Much to the chagrin of his enemies, Muammar Qadaffi remains a wild, unpredictable force.

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Temporary political gain must not prevail, says CJC

Prosecuting war criminals: moral, legal imperative

By
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On June 5, 1985, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, said: "The Holocaust is an indelible stain on the conscience of history. We shall never forget. And Canada shall never become a safe haven for those guilty of or associated with such monstrous acts."

And so, 40 years late, but not 40 years too late, the Commission of Inquiry on War Criminals, presided over by the former chief justice of the Superior Court of Quebec, Mr. Justice Jules Deschenes, is at work. Originally scheduled to report at the end of 1985, the commission requested and has been given an extension to June 30 to complete its work.

Canada has at last set out to examine its post-war policies and practices with regard to the admission and possible continued presence of suspected Nazi war criminals in this country; to identify such individuals; and to survey the legal remedies that exist to deal with them.

While the necessity and value of this exercise in Canadian justice and morality may be evident to most, there are those who, with various motives, pose hard questions in relations to the issue of the prosecution of Nazi war criminals.

Knowledge of the major issues as well as reasoned responses to difficult questions are essential as the commission enters its final stages, especially when the issue returns to the political arena once the commission completes its investigation and reports to the government.

The Commission of Inquiry will report its findings and likely make recommendations, but it has no power to act on its own to institute proceedings against suspected Nazi war criminals in Canada. It will then fall to the government of the day to decide on a course of action.

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Forty years does not diminish the magnitude of Nazi crimes; yet, there are those who ask, "Why now?" The answer is simply one of justice. The prosecution of Nazi war criminals is not a quest for revenge, and it is offensive to characterize it as such.

There is no Canadian statute of limitations for murder, less so for mass murder. Someone who is responsible for cold-blooded and premeditated torture and murder is no less guilty because a long period of time has passed before the perpetrator is apprehended. This simple fact is no less valid when the victims are legion in number.

Canada owes a duty to those who perished in the Nazi Holocaust, to those Canadian servicemen who died fighting Nazism, and to the survivors to bring the perpetrators of war crimes to justice. Action now honors the memory of the dead while deterring present-day neo-Nazis and provides a counter-point to the obscene Holocaust denial movement.

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One may also hear the argument that some individuals who may have been engaged in the business of genocide have lived quietly since their arrival in Canada and that this somehow mitigates their guilt. It does not hold up under scrutiny.

Jack Silverstone

Firstly, Nazi war criminals are to be punished not for their actions subsequent to the crime but for the crime itself. Such later behavior may have been impeccable, but it does not lessen their culpability or minimize the heinous nature of their wartime activities.

Secondly, and most important, respect for Canadian citizenship is at stake. Nazi war criminals should not have gained admission to this country. Justice would be well served if that to which such criminals were never entitled, namely, immigration status and citizenship, were now taken from them by law through revocation proceedings and deportation.

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Canada must be true to her international obligations to bring such persons to justice. The Nuremberg Tribunal established the authoritative international law precedent for the punishment of Nazi crimes against humanity. Since then, an enormous number of reports, resolutions, conventions and declarations by a host of transnational organizations, including the United Nations, have called for legal proceedings to be taken against the perpetrators of Nazi war crimes and crimes against humanity.

With the recent exception of the extradition to West Germany of the suspected Nazi war criminal Albert Helmut Rauca, Canada has not discharged these international legal duties.

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For years, the majority opinion in government circles was that the principle against retroactivity could inhibit effective legal action against suspected Nazi war criminals in Canada. In the legal context, the concept of retroactivity refers to the enacting of laws which make criminal those activities which were previously blameless, and such legislation is not acceptable in the Canadian criminal law tradition. However, this is clearly not applicable to war crimes and crimes against humanity. This has been recognized in several war crimes judgments.

No one has legal licence to engage in the slaughter of innocent civilians or defenceless prisoners. The Nazis understood this but at first did not care because they were convinced they would win. In the closing stages of the war, they tried to take steps to cover their deeds or to flee, since they knew they would be called to account for their crimes, which went far beyond the most callous and hard-hearted definition of normal wartime activity.

There is nothing new or retroactive in criminality attaching to crimes against humanity. This legal position was argued extensively in briefs submitted to the commission by the Canadian Jewish Congress and others. The correctness of this view has gained wide acceptance and is now generally regarded as "the better opinion" in informed legal circles.

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Those who have been following the proceedings of the Deschenes Commission may have been puzzled of late by the issue of the use of so-called "Soviet evidence." Certain groups and individuals, including some normally well-meaning MPs, expressed strenuous opposition to the idea proposed by the commission that evidence against suspected Nazi war criminals in Canada be collected in the Soviet Union and other East Bloc countries.

There is no Soviet evidence. There is Nazi evidence, and there are Nazi documents, some captured by the Western Allies, some by the Soviets, and there are eyewitnesses, some of whom reside in the West, others in the USSR.

American and West German courts have relied on evidence gathered in the Soviet Union in numerous war crimes prosecutions, and none of it has ever been shown to be fabricated. To deny a Canadian commission of inquiry the right to advance its investigation through the use of such material is to register a vote of non-confidence in the Canadian legal process.

Canadian Jewish Congress takes the position that while the Soviets may indeed concoct evidence for use in trials in the USSR against Jewish and other dissidents, the fundamental distinction is that evidence against suspected Nazi war criminals in Canada would be heard by a Canadian commissioner or judge in a Canadian court of law in accordance with all the rigors of Canadian rules of evidence and procedure.

Now, it must be clear that we have no brief for the Soviet legal system, and because in taking up the cause of Jewish dissidents and Refuseniks, we have come to know the Soviets all too well, we know that they are certainly capable of fabricating evidence. Even though there has been no sign of this type of activity in American, German and other war crimes trials, Congress proposed a number of measures to guard against the possibility of such an occurrence.

Judge Deschenes, in his decision in favor of taking evidence in the USSR through deputy commissioners, adopted most of the recommendations, including the use of independent translators, the expert verification of documentary evidence and the videotaping of any depositions taken behind the Iron Curtain.

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Another point used from time to time to attack the very legitimacy of the work of the Deschenes Commission is that it is unfairly selective in those it is investigating — that it is somehow unfair to single out Nazi war criminals. It must surely be evident that it is wrong to say that if we cannot prosecute all war criminals, then we should prosecute none.

As the chief counsel for Congress before the commission, Irwin Cotler, has stated, if Canada does not now bring Nazi war criminals to justice, there will be no moral or legal standing for Canada to bring other perpetrators of war crimes to justice now or in the future.

Legal action against suspected Nazi war criminals is not unfairly selective; to allow them to walk among us untested and free is tantamount to criminal.

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Bringing Nazi war criminals to justice, either through deportation, extradition or prosecution within Canada, is not a "Jewish issue," nor is it an ethnic one. Rather, it is a case of fidelity to law and justice, and that makes it of concern to all Canadians.

Emulating legal precedents and proceedings carried out recently in many Western democracies against Nazi war criminals must motivate Canada, a country noted for adherence to the rule of law and a country that fought mightily against the Nazis in World War II, to appropriate legal action.

There has to be a step away from ethnic assertions or reactions and a step toward de-ethnicizing this whole matter. No one ethnic or national group had a monopoly on Nazi collaboration, and it is wrong and counter-productive to assert that any one ethnic group is to now be singled out for investigation.

The watchword for Canadian practice in seeking out war criminals must be culpable individuals, not ethnic groups; criminals, not whole communities. It is a disservice to the process of seeking out Nazi war criminals to trivialize it by casting it in terms of ethnic affiliation. This trap must be avoided. The Canadian cultural mosaic must be respected in the same way that the rule of law in the pursuit of guilty individuals must be adhered to.

The Commission of Inquiry has been scrupulous in its efforts to keep allegations against individuals confidential and has not allowed itself to be engaged in group indictment. It is this respect for individual rights that ensures a fair inquiry. All parties interested in the outcome should maintain the same level of respect for law and due process.

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Similarly, it must be clearly understood by all politicians, regardless of affiliation, that the obligation to bring suspected Nazi war criminals in Canada to face justice is a basic and fundamental moral and legal imperative that must not be tampered with for the sake of temporary and mistakenly-percieved political advantage.

There can be no more partisan political gain in trying to undermine the work of the Deschenes Commission under the guise of anti-Communism or ethnic harmony, than in trying to protect a contemporary mass murderer loose in Canadian society. The Canadian body politic will not stand for it.

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Speculation as to how many suspected Nazi war criminals may be in Canada range from none to thousands. The Deschenes Commission itself released a figure of 660 suspected individuals. In the context of traveling abroad to gather evidence, the commission spoke of eight suspects but recently, commission lawyers indicated there could be more — perhaps 15 or 20.

This numbers game only produces unwarranted expectations, credibility gaps, mistrust and hostility. The bitter truth is that Canada is a latecomer in proceeding against Nazi war criminals within her borders. The United States has been active in this area for more than a decade and has established a well-staffed permanent unit, the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) attached to the justice department. Yet, even there, only dozens of court cases, not hundreds or thousands, are under way or have taken place.

The issue is not one of numbers. Even if one Nazi war criminal resides in Canada free and unpunished, it is one too many. Every individual case that calls a suspected Nazi war criminal to account is a triumph, both real and symbolic, of law and justice. Canada must do its duty now.

Condoning terrorism nourishes it

By
GIDEON SAGUY
Israel Consul-General, Toronto

Several world statesmen and Middle East observers have made the point, in the wake of the recent airport killings in Europe, that terror is indivisible. That applies to Palestinian terror as much as any other. This means that one cannot make a distinction (a) between PLO terrorism and that of other Palestinian terrorist organizations, (b) between terrorist activity in Israel, the Administered Territories and abroad, and (c) between Israeli and Jewish victims, on the one hand, and those of other faiths and nationalities, on the other.

In the case of this latest assault on innocent, defenceless users of international civilian air facilities in Rome and Vienna, by two groups of terrorists presumed to belong to Abu Nidal's organization, the point to make is that the core of the web of international terrorism — the PLO — cannot evade its major responsibility.

The terrorization of international air traffic — whether by blowing up aircraft, or hijacking aircraft in mid-flight and holding their crews and passengers hostage, or shooting up departure halls in airports — was introduced by the PLO with the hijacking of an El Al plane to Algiers in 1968 and has been repeated countless times, by various PLO factions, over the years since then. The fact that the Abu Nidal splinter group brags about these attacks, does not absolve Arafat from his overall responsibility. It is he and his PLO that have made terror the norm in the Middle East and the world over.

Arafat and other PLO leaders continue, to this day, to advocate stepping up the "armed struggle" (a euphemism for terrorist activity) and miss no opportunity to say so. Moreover, the PLO continues to carry out terrorist strikes.

Those who close an eye to this kind of terrorism, while condemning that practiced in Rome and Vienna, Athens and Beirut and Malta, simply play into the hands of all the terrorists.

International terrorism feeds on two things: publicity and acceptance. It is difficult to avoid publicity in cases like this. But there is no need to accept some categories of terror while focusing one's condemnation on others. International experts on terrorism have found that the acceptance or condoning of terror of any kind, anywhere, provides inspiration and encouragement to other terrorists — whoever they may be, and wherever they may operate.

Fanatic Shiite groups in Lebanon, for example, have been kidnapping and murdering Lebanese Jews as well as Americans, Britons, Frenchmen and Soviets — ever since the PLO made this kind of activity a fashion in the Middle East.

It is counter-productive, therefore, to condemn Abu Nidal and speak in terms of ostracizing only his sponsors and financiers, while, at the same time, the PLO maintains offices in the world's capitals even as they continue to shed the blood of innocent people — and plan the shedding of more.

Let us not try to draw fine distinctions between the perpetrators of terror, nor between its victims. Recent experience has shown that yesterday's defenders and champions of Arafat and his PLO, become today's victims of the self-same outfit.

The ultimate losers are not only Israelis and Jews — but free men, women and children everywhere.

Opinion

More vulnerable than Christians, says scholar

Contempt marked attitude to Jews in Moslem world

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

How have Jews fared under Islam? This is not merely an academic question. It has political connotations as well. Arab spokesmen, particularly Palestinian ones, justify their demand for a "secular, democratic" state in Palestine by saying that Jews and Moslems lived in perfect harmony until the advent of political Zionism, and can again live under brotherly conditions if Israel somehow disappears.

The problem with this line of thought is that it is not true. Members of religious minorities in the Middle East, be they Jews or Christians, were subjected to institutionalized discrimination, even after the official repeal of restrictions in many parts of the region in the mid 19th century.

From North Africa to the Saudi peninsula, Jewish and Christian communities were accorded a *dhimma* status. By its terms, dhimmis (people of the pact) were tolerated and usually protected by the local potentate, provided that they unequivocably recognized the primacy of Islam and the supremacy of Moslems. This recognition was expressed in the payment of a poll tax and obedience to a strictly defined set of restrictions.

These regulations, which were sanctified in holy law, grew out of the Islamic conquest of the Middle East. When Moslem warriors took over a parcel of territory, with its non-Islamic population, they imposed security restrictions, which became social and legal disabilities. As the distinguished scholar, Bernard Lewis, writes in *The Jews of Islam (Princeton University Press, $17.50)*, these restrictions touched all aspects of daily life.

They limited the clothes dhimmis might wear (the infamous yellow star, which the Nazis appropriated, was introduced by the caliph of Baghdad in the 9th century), the beasts they might ride (horses, for example, were forbidden), and the houses of prayer they might build (synagogues and churches could not be higher than mosques.)

Although minorities were free to carry on with their economic activities, and enjoyed internal autonomy, they were treated unequally in their relations with Moslems. Yet, in contrast to Europe, Jews were not confined to ghettos, except in Morocco and sometimes in Iran. Jews and Christians tended to form their own quarters in Moslem cities, but this was "a natural social development," Lewis, a Princeton professor, notes.

Lewis, in his erudite book, points out that the position of dhimmis deteriorated with the decline of the Islamic world after the Crusades. Dhimmis, he says, suffered from a more rigorous enforcement of restrictions and even from a degree of social segregation — something that had not happened previously.

In general, the lot of the dhimmi was tolerable but insecure. There was little sign of any deep-rooted emotional hostility directed against Jews, but there were negative attitudes. The Moslem attitude toward non-Moslems, especially Jews, was not one of hate, fear or envy, but simply of contempt, according to Lewis.

This contempt flowed from the refusal of non-Moslems to accept Islam. Lewis uses a passage in the Koran — the Islamic holy book — on the Children of Israel to illustrate the point. It reads: "They were consigned to humiliation and wretchedness; they brought the wrath of God upon themselves, and this because they used to deny God's signs and kill His Prophets unjustly and because they disobeyed and were transgressors."

Nevertheless, dhimmis were allowed to practice their religions, pursue their avocations and live their own lives. However, when they were no longer prepared to accept or respect the rules of the game, dhimmis ruefully found out how vindictive Moslem authorities could be when they so chose to be.

Lewis says that, from the late 18th century, expulsion, outbreaks of mob violence and even massacres became increasingly frequent. Between 1770 and 1786 Jews were expelled from Jeddah. In 1790 Jews were massacred in Tetuan, Morocco, and, in 1828, in Baghdad. In Meshed, Iran, in 1839, Jews were killed and the survivors forced to convert. In 1840 the Jews of Damascus became the victims of a long series of blood libels that would subsequently erupt in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya.

He claims that the Shiites of Iran were "far less tolerant" than their Sunni contemporaries in the Ottoman Empire. Expulsions, forced conversions and massacres were features of life in Iran up to the 19th century.

Although Christian dhimmis felt the lash of discrimination as much as Jews, they were not immune to practicing it against their Jewish compatriots. In the 18th and 19th centuries, when European nations like Britain and France conquered Moslem countries like Egypt, Morocco and Aden, local Christian dhimmis, glorying in the protection of their mighty powers, turned against their hapless Jewish neighbors. From the 1860s onward there was an ominous growth of European-style anti-semitism among the Christians of the Ottoman Empire. Of all the Christians, the Greeks were particularly affected by the virus.

Jewish doctor and merchant, Istanbul, 1574.

As a result of European influences, anti-semitic movents began to appear among Moslems. The first anti-semitic tracts in Arabic were published toward the end of the last century, and were translated from the original French by Arab Catholics, Maronites or other Uniate Christians. The first Arabic translation of that grand Russian forgery, *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, appeared in Cairo in 1927. This was followed by many other translations.

Lewis observes that there are now more translations and editions of the Protocols in Arabic than in any other language, and that the text is still required reading in departments of comparative religion in a number of Arab universities.

A major element in the rise of modern Arab anti-semitism, he explains, is the Arab-Israeli dispute, and the consequent embitterment of relations between Arabs and Jews. As he puts it: "In its origin this is a political conflict — not a matter of prejudice or bias, or intercommunal or interethnic hostility, but a specific and material conflict between two groups of people both claiming the same place. However, since Zionism... and Israel happen to be predominantly Jewish, and since there were accesible Jewish minorities in Arab countries, and since further more anti-semitism provided a ready-made system of themes, images and vocabulary for attacks on Jews, the temptation was obviously very strong to make use of them. And, of course, there were skilled and experienced tempters to push them."

Lewis suggests that, for all minorities, the age of tolerance is over in the Middle East. But, for Jews, it has been worse simply because they were more vulnerable than Christians. Jews in Arab lands had generally been indifferent or hostile to Zionism. But, with the rise of anti-Jewish violence in Iraq, Syria and North Africa, in which hundreds of Jews were killed, Arab Jews were gradually converted to Zionism.

These events, he reminds a reader, occurred between 1941 and 1948, and predated the establishment of Israel.

In the late 1940s and 1950s, massive numbers of Jews left the Arab world, vastly depleting once-great Jewish communities in countries like Egypt, Iraq and Morocco. Today it is hard to believe that such communities even ever existed. As Lewis states, an era in Jewish history "has now come to an end."

Smello-vision makes scents but real thing is better

By
ELAINE KAHN

Now, through the wonders of video and pay-TV, you can tune your set to a picture of a roaring fire, complete with crackling sound effects, and cozy up to it all evening, without any of the silly fuss and muss of cleaning the ashes the next day.

Those more attuned to sunny climes can tune in a beach with roaring waves. The faint smell of fish and suntan lotion at the PH level of your choice can be added by the use of aerosol cans of special smells or by playing scented records.

Would that I were making all this up.

Recent studies show that the scent most likely to relax you is spiced apple — budget directors now planning annual meetings please note.

It seems fragrances help people relax and concentrate — one company is planning to market scented discs to be played in cars to keep drivers awake. A doctor has invented a scent alarm clock, which wakes you up by spewing out a bracing fragrance. Also useful if you have no time to shower in the morning.

The time is ripe for a series of videos for the holidays and yom tovim — attached to timers for those who do not use electricity at that time of the month — packaged with appropriate festive scents all based on chicken soup (tofu for vegetarians). Yom Kippur, however, could smell like chocolate-covered garlic, to turn you off food completely.

Purim tapes, the scent of schnapps and poppyseed bloating the air, could be tailored to each family's needs, starring the face of the villain of its choice as Haman. Unfortunately, there are an infinite number of people who qualify for the part.

Set your TV down near the end of your Pesach table and turn on the video. The performers for the seder are straight out of central casting. There is no sound, except for pages turning and matzoh crumbling, but every so often "Uncle Irving" says "how many pages til we eat?" and "Cousin Edna" whines that she has to get to the den for the NHL game.

Soon, everyone is crying, including your real life guests, as the smell of fresh horseradish wafts through the air. The last 15 minutes feature a gorgeous shot of the Western Wall — finally, this year in Jerusalem!

Shavuoth would take some imaginative planning, "eh?" being such a frequent response to the query "do you know what Shavuoth is?" A 15-minute segment highlighted each of the big 10 commandments in mime might do the trick, inundated by the smell of, I think, lilacs and wine. Very chic.

Tisha B'Av is a job for Brian De Palma.

I'm ordering a super smello-tape combo specially for Shabbat. Prominently displayed will be all the Shabbat flowers we've forgotten to buy over the past nine years.

It will star all the relatives who we aren't within a walking distance to join for Shabbat and will be permeated with the smell of Grandma K.'s roast, my grandfather's Old Spice, my sister's cologne, my father's farm clothes closet (you get used to it) and my mother-in-law's cookies.

After Shabbat, I'll get a fire going in the fireplace and light both a cigarette and incense to mask the cigarette.

Because I prefer the real thing.

Bride making up her eyes, Iran, 1846.

Opinion

We can forgive (but not forget)

Let's celebrate new Spanish-Israeli ties

By
J. B. SALSBERG

By any form of measurement the establishment of diplomatic ties between Israel and Spain is a political event of major significance, especially for embattled Israel. Israel's position in the current Israel-Arab peace process cannot but benefit from the opening of diplomatic channels between Madrid and Jerusalem.

J.B. Salsburg

Nor can this positive development be separated from the fact that Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel and Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez of Spain are both democratic socialists and participants at top level meetings of the Socialist International. (But I also remember what pain Ernest Bevin, the Labor foreign minister of Britain, caused Israel at its birth.)

We all have good reason to welcome and to greet the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries and the two ancient peoples. But, just as at traditional Jewish weddings a glass is broken to remind us of the destruction of our ancient states, so it would not be unfit to recall, at this happy diplomatic event, the horrendous sufferings of our people in the Spain of 500 years and more ago.

That tragic event is ingrained in our collective, national memory to this very day. It is in my own mental and emotional makeup and, I believe, in the consciousness of most of the older generation whose roots with European Jewish life have not been severed.

So profound was the revulsion to the burning of Jews (as heretics) for their refusal to accept Christianity and, finally, the expulsion in the year 1492, that Jews refrained from any and all contacts with Spain throughout the centuries since those horrible days.

Speculation about the origin and the musical genesis of Kol Nidre notwithstanding, there was no more awe-inspiring moment in Jewish liturgy than was and, mainly still is, the rendition of Kol Nidre on the eve of Yom Kippur in every synagogue.

Musicologists and certain scholars may think what they wish, but for all of us Kol Nidre, with its traditional musical rendition, is the sharpest reminder of the Jewish catastrophe in Spain and of the tragic position of the Marranos who, against their will, went through formal conversion to the Catholic faith while continuing their Judaic practices in secret, even at the risk of being burned at the stake if caught doing so. This evil practice of burning Marranos, if caught practicing their old customs, was even extended to the New World (to Mexico and other places) to which Marranos came in the hope of escaping the cruelties of the Inquisition.

So deep did our bitterness towards Spain go that I, even I, who am otherwise inclined to be friendly and forgiving towards all people, even I resisited going to Spain until two years ago. Although, for the sake of truth, it should be added that in addition to my inbred, my Jewish negativeness towards ancient Spain, I was also unyieldingly against Franco's fascist Spain where some of my personal friends and colleagues died in the bloody Spanish civil war of 1936-1939. That was really a dress rehearsal for the Nazi-Fascist war that followed and that led to the Holocaust.

As you can see, my good friends, my negative attitude to Spain was deeply rooted within me. That is why when I first stepped on Spanish soil, during an unavoidable 30-hour stopover while on my way to Israel, I was filled with emotions that were rooted in my Jewish consciousness and the recent past of my anti-fascist experiences.

In Madrid I avoided organized tours but wandered alone through that beautiful city's streets and boulevards recalling the Marranos, recalling the tens of thousands of my people who were massacred in Seville and in other Spanish cities a few years before the expulsion. In those lonely walks in Madrid I was also accompanied by faces of those I knew who fell in the Spanish civil war of the late 30s.

Ah, some will say, but wasn't there the "golden era" of Spanish Jewry that produced some of the greatest Jewish poets, philosophers and religious thinkers of all times? Of course there was such an age.

But, so is the irony of history, that it was under Arab rule that all those majestic Jewish achievements were recorded. With the defeat of the Arab forces that ruled Spain for a few centuries and with the return of Catholic Church rule to Spain the golden age of Jewish life in that country also came to a crushing end.

But, as my good uncle Eliezer would say, a people cannot live by memories alone. We were also enslaved in Egypt and yet we came to celebrate the Egyptian-Israel peace treaty of Camp David. We haven't forgotten what the "monarch of Jordan" did during the Six Day War. Yet, Israel would, and justifiably so, be very happy to sign a peace treaty with him now.

So, let's forgive (but not forget) what happened to us in ancient Spain; but let's not fail to celebrate the historic event that the mutual diplomatic recognition between Modern Israel and Modern Spain signals to all of us, to the Middle East and to the world at large.

Lechayim! In a mazeldiken moment!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signature.

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FIRST QUESTIONS FIRST

Don't we miss the point by always asking the Russians whether or not Raoul Wallenberg is still alive?

Shouldn't we ask them why they arrested and deported him in the first place?

And was he ever found guilty?

Could they reveal the proceedings of his trial?

Lazar Bernstein
Montreal

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PAIN IN POPE'S NECK?

Re your recent editorial "Same rationale":

While it is certainly true the Vatican's failure to recognize Israel is based on political considerations, you fail to consider the fundamental root cause of this failure, namely the theological one.

Orthodox Catholic theology claims that, by rejecting Jesus as the true messiah, the Jews forfeited their role as the Chosen People forever.

Furthermore we became a cursed people destined for perpetual punishment.

Thus, our Jerusalem temple was destroyed. We were dispersed from our land and doomed to wander the face of the earth, persecuted and tortured, humiliated and ultimately exterminated.

Then came 1948, and lo, the remnants of this devilish nation are back in their ancestral home and proclaiming to the world the re-establishment of the Jewish State of Israel.

"What's going on here?" say the Catholic theologians. The existence of Israel is a direct and incontrovertible refutation of fundamental Catholic theological doctrine.

The existence of Israel sticks like a bone in the throat of the Vatican.

Clearly, to recognize Israel is tantamount to an admission of the falsehood of their dogma.

Make no mistake — the Vatican's problem with Israel is a fundamental question of theological truth.

Once this is clearly understood, your plea for Vatican recognition becomes both simplistic and naive.

M. H. Lipson
Toronto

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TANACH LOVERS WELCOMED

Your readers may be interested in a report that recently appeared in the New York Jewish weekly, Algemeiner Journal, written by their Montreal correspondent.

He complained there was no synagogue or study group in Montreal devoted to Tanach.

He exalts the importance of studying the Tanach as a mass movement — its national, religious, moral and ethical values.

It has a historic importance in cementing a strong bond between the past and present, giving the modern Jew a balanced view in this materialistic society.

I have no arguments with those remarks.

One item I want to publicize, however.

There *is* a small synagogue in Montreal, where Tanach is learned every Saturday before the Mincha service. The name of the synagogue Nussach Ari, located on Jeanne Mance near St. Viateur.

As of today, we are on chapter 8 of the Book of Joshua.

Everyone is cordially invited to come and join our group and participate in learning the books of our holy scriptures.

Hershil Hubscher
Montreal

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A SALUTE TO DODICK

Mark Dodick's recent article about me as president of the Canadian Cancer Society's Ontario Division was excellent.

Many phone calls and letters have come in since the appearance of the article.

I really appreciate the time and space given to further the public awareness of what is out there for them — through the Cancer Society.

Isabel Rubin
Toronto

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AN ACCOLADE TO GASNER

The Canadian Jewish News truly does a service to the community by recognizing the need for publicity and allotting generous space to the many worthy organizations.

An accolade to Cynthia Gasner for telling the story as it is about Hebrew Weston Charitable Services.

Mollie Edell
Toronto

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LAMENTS LABELS OF DISUNITY

As a thinking Jew who has done historical research on the subject, I'd like to raise the following questions regarding the religious intolerance that threatens to split Reform and Orthodox Jews:

Who gave the Jewish people those labels in the first place?

If I'm not mistaken, it was the Reform movement headed by Dr. Abraham Geiger in Germany of the mid-1850s who started the ball rolling.

Until the so-called emancipation and enlightenment period, there was basically one form of Judaism. And that was propagated by the halacha from Sinai with very little change in the practice of Judaism.

There were individuals and groups who deviated, but at no time in the 3,000 years of Sinai tradition was there a split as tragic as the one that threatens to split us Jews today.

I believe it was a result of the split that occurred in the late 18th and 19th century as well as 85 years into this century.

I further believe that unless the deviationist groups responsible for the schism return to the Sinai covenant, the split will widen.

Jewish bellydancer Judith Bricks says her form of shimmying is not only suggestively naughty; it's also arty and healthy.

I hope and pray for the day when the following words of the Navi (Prophets of the Bible) will be fulfilled:

"He shall return the heart of the fathers to their children and the heart of the children to their fathers."

I further believe it's a cop-out to confront religious observant Jews by raising labels. It is my opinion that we must stop labeling others and acknowledge the Truth.

David Lindsay
Toronto

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NAUGHTY YET ARTY

I was pleased to see the Jan. 9 article by Simon Griver about Rachel Milstein, the bellydancing Islamic art professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

As one of the few Jewish bellydancers in Toronto, I am always interested in reading about other Jewish bellydancers.

When performing for numerous Jewish organizations, I strive to make my audience aware that bellydancing is an art and Griver revealed to us that Prof. Milstein does, too.

It's an art that may seem suggestively naughty, according to some nightclub promoters, but I'd like to reassure your readers that it's wonderfully healthy for those concerned with physical fitness.

Though I perform at fund raising banquets, shopping plaza promotions, and private anniversary parties under the stage name of Tova, I teach it to fitness-aware seniors at the Baycrest Centre, Good Age Club at the Jewish Community Centre, Temple Sinai, Shaarei Shomayim and Beth Tzedec Congregations.

My students who love shimmying to those graceful dance movements range in age from sexy seniors in their 80s to my two daughters, Miriam, 9, and Debbie, 6.

Here's to the bellydance as both an art form and a pleasure for fitness fans!

Judith Bricks
Toronto

World-National

Police detain two Kach members

Tensions increase on Temple Mount

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Police have maintained tight surveillance over the area since then. Recently, they prevented several Jews from entering the western gate of the Temple Mount when it appeared they intended to stage a demonstration. Two members of Rabbi Meir Kahane's extremist Kach Party were detained.

The Temple Mount is open to all visitors and is, in fact, a tourist attraction. But Israeli law forbids Jewish prayers at the site of the Al Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock (Mosque of Omar) which, after Mecca and Medina (in Saudi Arabia), are the holiest Moslem shrines. Deputy Attorney-General Yoram Bar-Sella told the interior committee last week that Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount is not a criminal offense.

David Kraus, inspector-general of police, explained to the committee that organized Jewish prayer is banned by a ruling of the Supreme Court but an individual is entitled to pray there as long as he does not do so demonstratively.

Aharon Sarig, director-general of the Jerusalem municipality, informed the committee that, contrary to allegations, no illegal construction was taking place on the Temple Mount. He said there was some reconstruction work which did not require licences but he knew of no prayer platforms being erected.

In another development, there was religious strife in Hebron, where Jews and Arabs scuffled at the Patriarchs' Tomb. An elderly Arab reportedly attempted to stab a Jewish worshipper.

Meanwhile Gush Emunim chalked up a victory with serious political implications when 13 apartments renovated for Jewish occupancy were consecrated at a religious ceremony in the heart of Hebron.

Deputy Premier and Housing Minister David Levy said at the ceremonies that additional construction for Jews will begin immediately in a nearby courtyard. The housing ministry invested about $1 million this year for construction of Jewish flats in Hebron.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the Knesset foreign affairs and security committee that he is firmly opposed to Jewish settlement in Hebron but is forced to abide by the terms of coalition agreement under which the Labor Party and Likud formed their unity government last year.

The coalition agreement does not extend to Tel Rumeida and other parts of Hebron where the Gush Emunim have repeatedly tried to put up Jewish settlements.

The flats on which Sephardic Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu affixed mezuzahs are in 19th century buildings known as the Beit Hadassah and Bet Hasson complexes. These remained Jewish property after the Jewish population fled Hebron during the 1929 Arab uprising. The Gush Emunim have long claimed the right of Jews to resettle there.

In 1973, a group of women and children, headed by Miriam Levinger, wife of Gush Emunim leader Rabbi Moshe Levinger, moved into the Beit Hadassah building. They remained there for nine months, guarded by Israeli troops. The Likud-led government of Premier Menachem Begin made no attempt to evict them. Since then, other Jewish squatters, including Levinger himself, have occupied the premises.

Levy said that, "in consecrating homes in Hebron, we are returning to the land of our forefathers." Referring to peace efforts in the region, he declared, "We will make peace with (the land of) Israel."

The ministry has completed plans for 11 more apartments and a centre for Land of Israel studies in the courtyard of the Avraham Avinu Synagogue in Hebron. The project's architect, Saadia Mendel, said in a television interview that he considers the building plans an expression of political positions. He said he planned the new buildings as an integral part of the Moslem quarter of Hebron.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres with Lord Marcus Sieff.

Peres urges peace talks

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crucial year, it may be the best year for peace," and he urged Hussein "not to confine this moment to the fate of missed opportunities."

On his European tour, Peres has been pushing his efforts to organize the Israeli peace talks with moderate Palestinian leaders outside the Palestine Liberation Organization.

He has stressed the need to start negotiations in the next nine months before his coalition partner, Yitzhak Shamir becomes Prime Minister in October.

Peres' trip marks the first visit to Britain by an Israeli leader since 1977. Relations between the two countries were strained by the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982 and its subsequent 3-year occupation.

Peres characterized his visit as "a warming-up in our relations."

"We all know there has been a lot of hot water in our relations in the past," he said.

Peres said Thatcher and he discussed new ideas to break the diplomatic stalemate in the Middle East.

Peres said after the meeting: "I think some new ideas were raised which are worth examining." He added: "Time is running out and there is a need to take additional steps."

At a dinner party given in his honor by the British government, Peres announced that Thatcher had accepted an invitation to visit Israel. She will be the first British prime minister to do so.

Peres told the dinner at Mrs. Thatcher's official Downing Street residence that he was delighted she had accepted the invitation.

Peres was scheduled to have lunch with Prince Charles and Princess Diana, an appointment some analysts saw as an opening to delicate negotiations on a possible visit by Queen Elizabeth II to Israel.

The Israeli leader arrived in London only hours after the departure of King Hussein of Jordan, who met with Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe.

Howe toured the Persian Gulf region last week, meeting key Arab politicians, including King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, and Western diplomats speculated the British officials might be in a position to offer Peres a fresh view of Arab positions.

Britain has made it clear it does not wish to be a "major player" in Arab-Israeli peace talks. In October, Howe invited two delegates of the Palestine Liberation Organization to London, but the mission fell apart at the last minute because the men refused a British demand that they renounce terrorism.

41st anniversary of disappearance

Churches honor Wallenberg

MONTREAL —

In response to the call by the Canadian Jewish Congress for this month's national day of prayer in synagogues for Raoul Wallenberg marking the 41st anniversary of his disappearance, three major Canadian churches issued statements honoring the Holocaust hero.

On Jan. 17, 1945, Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat posted to Hungary, was apprehended by the Red Army. His fate remains uncertain to this day.

In a statement on behalf of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Edward Scott noted that Wallenberg has been credited with saving at least 20,000 Hungarian Jews during the darkest days of the Holocaust.

Regarding Wallenberg Scott said: "A Gentile himself, he risked his life and safety on behalf of fellow human beings without concern for their race or religion. He is representative of many people whose names are less well known, who have shown similar courage, and are an inspiration for us as we confront situations of oppression and injustice."

Scott continued: "I am pleased to endorse the call for a national day of prayer for Raoul Wallenberg. This is in keeping with a resolution adopted by the general synod of the Anglican Church of Canada in June 1983, calling on Anglicans to become more familiar with the facts of the Holocaust and to join in the struggle against anti-semitism and all other forms of racism."

Speaking on behalf of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Reverend William Ryan, general secretary, stated "Raoul Wallenberg's courage and commitment are an inspiration to all who resist the forces of oppression. In honoring Wallenberg, we express our profound respect for him and our continuing commitment to the enduring values for which he gave his life. He is a lasting reminder that one person can make a difference."

The United Church issued a similar statement.

Wallenberg was made an honorary Canadian citizen in December through an all-party resolution in the House of Commons and the Senate.

Holocaust hero Israeli citizen

JERUSALEM —

Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat jailed by the Soviet Union after saving the lives of thousands of Hungarian Jews during World War II, was recently named an honorary citizen of Israel at the recommendation of Yad Vashem.

Those attending an official ceremony for Wallenberg at the residence of Israel's President Chaim Herzog included Swedish Ambassador Sven Hirdman, several Israelis who were among those Jews saved by the Holocaust hero, and, representing Canadian Jewish Congress, Aba Beer.

Wallenberg, whose fate remains unknown, was named an honorary American citizen three years ago, and was made an honorary Canadian citizen last year.

Among those urging that Israel take similar action were Beer, chairman of the CJC's National Holocaust Remembrance Committee; Alan Rose, CJC executive vice-president; and Max Grunberg, chairman of the Generation After Committee of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton.

Secret trip to Egypt

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Ezer Weizman met with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt in Cairo on Sunday. He flew there secretly on a special mission, the purpose of which was not disclosed but is believed to be an urgent attempt to arrange a summit meeting between Mubarak and Premier Shimon Peres.

Weizman, a minister-without-portfolio attached to the Prime Minister's office, was accompanied by Gen. Avraham Tamir, director-general of the Prime Minister's office who has been closely involved in recent negotiations with Egypt. Their trip was approved by Peres and by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Weizman and Tamir were reportedly joined by Israel's ambassador to Egypt, Moshe Sasson, at their session with Mubarak. Weizman, who has had close contacts with Egyptian officials since his participation in the Camp David talks seven years ago, is said to fear that unless a Peres-Mubarak summit takes place soon, the entire peace process could be in jeopardy. Peres is believed to share this view.

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York U body puts off vote on Jews for Jesus

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — In the face of vehement opposition from York University's Jewish Students' Federation, Jews for Jesus, a group that recognizes Jesus Christ as the messiah of Israel, has applied for membership in York's interfaith council.

After an emotional 90-minute meeting of representatives of the interfaith council and Jews for Jesus last week, the vote to approve or throw out the application for membership by the group was put off until Feb. 5.

According to York University's constitution, any religious body may form an on-campus group and become part of the 15-member interfaith council if it has at least 10 followers at the university, does not engage in coercive or deceitful practices and attends a requisite number of meetings of the umbrella group.

In return, a member has the right to set up tables displaying its literature, gets regular use of the university's Scott Religious Centre and enjoys other privileges.

At the end of the meeting, members were evenly spilt on whether to take a vote on Jews for Jesus' application. It was decided to let emotions cool and decide the matter at the Feb. 5 meeting.

But the 5,000-member Jewish Students' Federation, the largest element in the council, opposed Jews for Jesus' inclusion from the start.

"We consider Jews for Jesus an affront to Judaism," said Rayzel Robinson, head of the JSF. "Their beliefs are not grounded in Judaism. Even a nominal affiliation with Judaism (by them) is insulting.

"Their inclusion (in the council) would be divisive."

Several other students questioned Jews for Jesus' philosophy and expressed concern the group would try to convert Jews on campus, thus making it active in coercive tactics.

Much of the concern on the parts of the Jewish students was in the name of the group, which they said is misleading.

"You are being deceitful in saying you are Jews," Robinson told Jews for Jesus representative Martin Verk.

But Verk maintained the group would be essentially Christian in character and wouldn't be out specifically to proselytize anyone.

"We're not here to convert anyone," Verk said. "We want to provide our own perspective. We feel we have the right to come on campus."

Yet, Verk said he could not guarantee that his members would not engage in trying to convert people.

He said the organization was dubbed Jews for Jesus by the media after it was formed in the 70s in California. He said members aren't all necessarily Jews but they do recognize Jesus as Messiah.

A Jew, Verk said under persistent questioning, is a descendant of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Jewish forefathers, and Judaism is a religion as well as a nationality.

"We view the university as a marketplace for ideas," Verk added.

Other students said if Jews for Jesus satisfies the university's requirements for membership in the council, it must be allowed to join, regardless of its name or affiliation.

One audience member, who preferred to remain unnamed, said he was a member of Jews for Jesus for five years but that he has now returned to Judaism.

"I still carry the emotional scars of that period," he said, adding that Jews for Jesus might appeal "to the ignorant Jew.

"I know your primary purpose," he told Verk, "is to convert Jews."

FROM ONTARIO WITH LOVE

Ontario Opposition Leader Larry Grossman (right) recently launched the Jewish National Fund of Canada's Gift of Tree Planting Program at a reception at Toronto's Primrose Club. Grossman, patron of the program, David Dennis, national JNF chairman, (left), and Avraham Drori, Canadian director, Israel Government Tourist Office, (behind flight attendant), handed over an Ontario maple tree to Sheryl Kohl, an El Al flight attendant, who will take the tree to Israel — a gift from the people of Canada — to present to Moshe Rivlin, the world chairman of the JNF, as a symbolic gesture of friendship to the citizens of Israel. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Sat. Feb. 1

MONTE CARLO AND AUCTION

A Las Vegas Monte Carlo and Grand Auction, sponsored by Leonard Mayzel Ontario Lodge in conjunction with the Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith Canada, will be held at the Woodbine Centre Mall, Rexdale Blvd. and Highway 27, Saturday, Feb. 1, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Admission is $5 per person. For tickets and/or information contact **Miriam Alberstadt,** 630-5442.

Sunday, Feb. 2

BEACHES BROTHERHOOD

The Beaches Synagogue Brotherhood, 109 Kenilworth Ave., (just south of Queen St.) invites one and all to an Open House evening meeting on Sunday, Feb. 2 at 7.30 p.m.

Rabbi James Prosnit, associate rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple, will speak on Jews By Choice: Conversion.

Several members of the congregation will relate their personal experiences.

Cake and coffee follow. (A small donation to cover cost would be appreciated).

OTTAWA CFHU PARTY

The Ottawa chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, **Freda Paltiel,** president, is holding a sherry party on Sunday, Feb. 2.

Convened by **Muriel Levine** and **Edie Koranyi,** the event celebrates the university's 60th anniversary.

Among the distinguished guests will be **Eliashiv Ben-Horin,** Israel's ambassador to Canada.

To inquire further, phone 237-4512, 236-6353 or 728-8373.

ISRAEL SUMMER PROGRAM

Israel Youth Program Centre is organizing its annual reunion for all Israel summer program 1985 returnees. These include participants in Kibbutz Encounter, Israel Dimension, Israel Summer Happening and Adventure 85 in Israel.

The gathering is on Sunday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. in the JCC Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., Room 101-1-2.

Bring photos.

RSVP by calling 665-7733 and asking for **Tammy,** or **Kevin.**

SHAAREI-BETH EL OAKVILLE

At Shaarei Beth-El Congregation's Sunday, Feb. 2 adult program, 10 a.m. in Ascension School, 5205 New St., Burlington, speaker **Eleanor Harper** will discuss Coping With Aging Parents.

Coffee and pastry will be served.

TELEM

Telem invites you to a meeting concerned with Israelis Living in the Diaspora: Toronto Israelis Share Their Experience. This will be held at Moadon Telem, 788 Marlee Ave., Suite 206, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2.

Call 787-3484.

MISS OCHO RIOS SHERATON 85

While vacationing with her family at the Sheraton Hotel in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, during the winter holiday, 17-year-old Ilana Sherman (centre), a grade 12 student at A.Y. Jackson Secondary School in Willowdale, was crowned Miss Ocho Rios Sheraton 85. Ilana's prize was a free week for two at the Ocho Rios Sheraton Hotel in 1986.

CANADA STADIUM

From left to right are Alex Fisher, Joe Frieberg, Murray and Marvelle Koffler, and Dr. Ralph Halbert, at a general board meeting of the Israel Tennis Centre, which the Kofflers hosted in their home. Over 35 people were presented and a Young Leadership Division was established. Joe Frieberg presents to the Kofflers an inscribed photograph of the Canada Stadium at the Tennis Centre in Ramat Hasharon.

NORTHDALE BAND CONCERT

A concert, Famous English and North American Band Music, will launch the Northdale Concert Band series of three concerts. This inaugural performance is planned for Sunday, Feb. 2, 3 p.m. at North York's Fairview Public Library Theatre, 35 Fairview Mall Dr.

Tickets are $6 for adults, $4 seniors and students, for the Feb. 2 concert only, or $15 for adults, $12, seniors and students, for the series of three concerts. To reserve, call 270-0465.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The Canadian Zionist Federation sponsored Public Speaking Competition for Youth continues on Sunday, Feb. 2 at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

There will be two heats commencing at 2.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. for the age group 19-22.

Among the officials will be **Robert Kaplan, MP, Lester Krames, Prof. Lillian Lerman, Ruth Leroy, Melanie Novis** and **Rabbi Philip Scheim.**

Come along and encourage potential young leaders of the Jewish community. There is no admission charge.

CANADIAN FRIENDS - PEACE NOW

Canadian Friends of Peace Now offer an evening with **Prof. Michael Marrus,** a member of the organization's board of directors, who recently completed a year's sabbatical at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and **Prof. Aron Shai,** of Tel Aviv University, who is currently Visiting Prof. of History at the University of Toronto.

They will investigate The Crisis in Israeli Democracy: Israeli Concerns and Local Indifference, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, at OISE, 252 Bloor St. W., Rooms 312 313. (The St. George subway stop is directly below the OISE building).

BETH SHOLOM BREAKFAST CLUB

Beth Sholom Tallis and Tefillin Breakfast Club, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., meets next on Sunday, Jan. 26, to hear **David McFadden,** MPP for Eglinton, give his view on International Terrorism: How to Combat It.

Service is at 9.30 a.m., breakfast in the Gerald Schwartz auditorium follows, and the program begins at 10.30.

Monday, Feb. 3

NEW THORNHILL ORT CHAPTER

Plans are under way for the new ORT Women's chapter in Thornhill. The first meeting is scheduled to take place Monday, Feb. 3, when a former Moonie will be the guest speaker.

For details contact **Marci Gilbert** at the ORT office, 787-0339.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

RABBI ROSENBERG TO SPEAK

Christians and Jews - The Eternal Bond, is the important issue, the subject of his latest book, to be discussed by **Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg** at St. Paul's Anglican Church (corner of Bloor St. E. and Jarvis St.) on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m.

Everyone is welcome.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 8.15 p.m. in the boardroom of the Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St. The study portion will be Joel, chapters 1 and 2, with **Abe Bohnen.**

The group operates under the auspices of the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council. To inquire further, telephone 635-2883, ext. 151.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB

Daniel G. Hill, the ombudsman of Ontario, will address The Women's Canadian Club of Toronto in The Ballroom of the Royal York Hotel, at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Membership fee is $20 yearly for an individual, $35 for spousal membership. Inquiries may be directed to the club office, 923-2900. No sponsorship is required.

VEGETARIAN ASSOCIATION

A Vegetarian Banquet with dinner and a speaker is scheduled for 6.30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Chinatown International Restaurant, 421 Dundas St. W. Cost is $13 per person. Call 923-1933.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

The next meeting of the Manic-Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto will be Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7.30 p.m at the first Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair Ave. W. Guest speaker will be **Dr. Michael Joffe,** of St. Michael's Hospital. The topic is Rapid Cycling.

For further information, phone 486-8046.

DIVORCE AFTER FORTY

Jewish Family and Child Service, through its Jewish Family Life Education Department, is offering a workshop for men and women over 40 who find themselves after many years of marriage, in a world that they are not prepared for emotionally or financially.

There are six sessions, starting Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 7.30-9 p.m., in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 6th floor.

For information and to register, call 638-7800, ext. 290, 292.

TRIBUTE TO IRENE REES

A musical tribute dedicated to the memory of **Irene Rees,** a former educator and exceptionally caring social worker, will feature international concert pianist **Yuval Fichman,** in the Philip Smith Auditorium of Holy Blossom Temple, Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 8 p.m.

There is no admission charge, but donations in the name of Irene Rees to the General Cancer Research Fund, 1-046 Mulock Larkin, Toronto General Hospital, Toronto M5G 2C4, would be greatly appreciated.

MAHAR MEETING

Mahar (Tomorrow) Singles, welcomes you to its next meeting, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5 in Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., when clairvoyant **Jack Deurloo** will be the guest speaker.

Admission for members is $1, non-members, $2, including refreshments.

Thursday, Feb. 6

ORT WOMEN'S GROUP

The Business and Professional Women's Group of Toronto Women's ORT invites you to attend an evening with **Senator Anne Cools** and **Dorothy Shoichet,** (Shoichet recently returned from the Nairobi End of Decade Conference), who will talk on Women in Non-Traditional Positions. This is slated for 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 6 at the McGill Club, 21 McGill St.

For reservations and more details, contact **Marci Gilbert** at the ORT office, 787-0339.

ALZHEIMER FORUM

Alzheimer's Disease currently affects an estimated 300,000 Canadians. Learn more about it during a question and answer forum sponsored by the Alzheimer Society for Metropolitan Toronto at 7.30 p.m., Feb. 5 in Mt. Sinai Hospital Auditorium.

A panel of legal and health-care professionals and family members experienced with Alzheimer's, will respond to and discuss audience questions.

This is free and open to the public.

To inquire further, call the Toronto Alzheimer Society at 741-8516. Please do not call Mount Sinai!

And What Else Is New...

LEAH POSLUNS THEATRE

Reva Stern directs **Eric Bentley's** Are You Now Or Have You Ever Been, at the Leah Posluns Theatre Jan. 30 through Feb. 22.

This docu-drama is assembled directly from the transcripts of the U.S. House Un-American Activities Committee hearings, 1947-1958. The investigation of show business is re-enacted in the testimonies of a small minority of those actually investigated, such as **Lionel Stander, Lillian Hellman, Paul Robeson,** and **Ring Lardner Jr.**

For tickets call 630-6752, or any BASS outlet. (Group prices are available, and there is an infrared hearing system).

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What's New

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ORTHOPEDIC OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, Feb. 9, from 12-4 p.m., The Orthopedic and Arthritic Hopital, 43 Wellesley St. E., plans an Open House for the general public.

Many facilities, including operating rooms, will be open, and there will be demonstrations, exhibits, talks by physicians and films related to the care and treatment of bone and joint disorders.

This is an opportunity to meet staff, ask questions and explore behind the scenes at a specialty hospital.

There is no charge.

To inquire further, contact **Katie Ramsden,** 967-8629.

SHAAREI TEFILLAH ADULT STUDY

Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St., conducts a 7-week adult study series examining the Book of Koheleth-Ecclesiastes, commencing 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 and continuing each Tuesday through March 18.

The community is cordially invited.

JEWISH STUDENT FEDERATION

Rabbi Cloiman from Yeshiva Machon Meir in Jerusalem, will be in Toronto Feb. 4/5, to talk to prospective students, men and women. Call **Rayzel Robinson, 667-3647, for appointment times.**

HOLOCAUST WORKSHOP

The Emotional Effects of the Holocaust on the Lives of the Survivors and the Children of Survivors, will be explored at a workshop to be conducted by **Doris Strub Epstein** and **Dr. Henry Fenigstein,** on Sunday, Feb. 9, from 9.30 a.m.-4.30 p.m. This is under the auspices of the Canadian Centre for Studies of the Holocaust and Genocide.

For more details and to register, call 787-5331.

TEMPLE SINAI NURSERY SCHOOL

Temple Sinai Nursery School is opening another class and has space available in the afternoon junior kindergarten.

The program features specialists in Creative Movement, Music and Hebrew, and also offers an Apple 2C computer program.

Phone the religious school office at 487-3281 for additional information.

NCJW PUPPET SHOW

Col. Claghorn's Almost Greatest Puppet Show on Earth, sponsored by Yedidot branch, National Council of Jewish Women, will delight children and parents, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

Tickets, $2.50 each, will be sold at Council House, 633-5100, or can be purchased through Yedidot members.

FRIENDS OF SCHIZOPHRENICS

Metro Toronto Chapter, Ontario Friends of Schizophrenics, meets next at Dunvegan Hall, Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, 230 St. Clair Ave. W., Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 8 p.m., when **Jane Taylor,** administrator of Queen Street Mental Health Centre will talk about that facility.

TUPPERWARE PARTY

A Tupperware Party to be hosted by Club Dafna of Na'amat Pioneer Women is set for 7.30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 13, at 23 Oxbow Rd. (one block east of Bayview, off York Mills).

Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends.

If you are unable to attend and would like to order Tupperware, or if you have any questions, call 661-7273 or 785-1290.

Door prizes will be awarded.

AHS PRESENTS THE FIDDLER

Associated Hebrew Schools grade 9 presents an adaptation in English and Hebrew of the musical The Fiddler, directed by **Sharyn Stein Hurwitz,** 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15; 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, at 3630 Bathurst St.

Tickets, $5 for adults, $3, students, are available at the door or by calling 789-2235.

Proceeds will go to the Associated Leslie Building Fund and the United Jewish Appeal.

BAYCREST NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care needs volunteer office helpers for typing, answering phones, filing and other general duties. Hours are flexible.

Also needed are male volunteer swim assistants in a recreational and therapeutic swim program for older adults, Thursdays from 2-4.30 p.m.

If you are interested, please contact Volunteer Services, 789-5131, ext. 2572.

WIDOWERS SELF-HELP

A Self-Help Group for Widowers Over 55, meets every second Wednesday from 7.30-9.30 p.m., in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

The next meeting takes place on Feb. 5.

HAMILTON NA'AMAT

Hamilton Na'amat Pioneer Women invite you to explore Jewish Art with **Rabbi Lawrence Troster,** on Thursday, Feb. 16, 7.30 p.m. at Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St. N. (off King St.) Hamilton.

Rabbi Troster is assistant rabbi at Toronto's Beth Tzedec Synagogue. His lecture will be illustrated through a slide presentation of the Beth Tzedec Museum collection of religious objects and artifacts.

Admission is $4 prepaid or $5 at the door. Proceeds go toward the absorption of Ethiopian Jews in Israel.

For tickets and/or information, call 523-7805 or 524-0758.

CHRISTIANS AND JEWS BANQUET

Plan to attend the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews 39th Anniversary and Awards Banquet, Monday, Feb. 17, at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto.

At this event, **Dr. A.A. (Bucky) Epstein, Douglas G. Bassett** and Joseph Barnicke will be honored, and **Dr. Gerhard M. Riegner** will receive the Nicholas and Hedy Munk International Brotherhood Award.

Cocktails are at 6 p.m., dinner at 7.

Tickets are $75 per person, ($750 per table of 10) Call **Jeane Kotick.**

Black tie is optional. Fish will be served.

JEWISH DISTRESS VOLUNTEERS

Tel-aide, the Jewish Distress Line, seeks additional applicants to be trained as phone volunteers. Candidates should be good listeners.

A 5-session training course will be provided. Call 636-9610 (evenings) or 635-5600 (days) to request an application form.

PRECIOUS LEGACY VIDEO

For those who missed the Precious Legacy exhibit or who did not go on an organized tour at the Royal Ontario Museum, Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave., offers a "second chance."

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 8 p.m. in the lower lounge, a video tape on the exhibit, prepared by PBS-TV, will be shown.

Following the half-hour video, **Ray Havelock** will talk briefly on the Jews of Czechoslovakia.

DAY CAMP COUNSELORS WANTED

Temple Sinai Camp Yeladim, is now accepting applications for junior and senior counselors, as well as counsellors-in-training.

To apply, phone 487-3281.

SWEETHEART DINNER DANCE

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Burlington/Hamilton Chapter, is proud to present the fabulous Spitfire Band at the 1986 Sweetheart Dinner Dance. This takes place in the Chedoke Ballroom, Hamilton Convention Centre, Feb. 14, with cocktails at 6.30 p.m., dinner with wine at 7.30 and dancing from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

The event also offers attractive prizes, including a trip for two to Montreal, courtesy of Skyview Travel and Quebecair. Tickets for this annual fund raiser are $60 each, part of which is tax deductible.

For more information please write to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 4129 Harvester Rd. Unit D, Burlington, Ont., L7L 5M3, or call 335-2372 or 575-2891.

COMMUNAL PROFESSIONALS

Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service, as a follow-up to **Rabbi David Hartman's** earlier presentation on Jewish Values and Jewish Communal Service, will have **Rabbi Harvey Meirovitch** of Beth Sholon Synagogue, conduct a 4-part study session, The Dynamics of Tzedakah, Tuesday morning, 8.30-9.30 a.m., Feb. 4 and 18, March 4 and 18, at the Lipa Green Building.

Enrolment is limited. Registration, $18, includes breakfast. Call **Bernard Shoub,** 633-7770, for further information and registration.

EMUNAH WOMEN PANEL

Emunah Women of Toronto presents The Jewish Woman: Tradition and Challenge Home? Family? Career? a panel discussion featuring **Rachel Schlesinger,** faculty member, York University Division of Social Science and Faculty of Education; **Dr. Esther Sturm,** family practitioner; **Dr. Susan Gross Weinstock,** intern, Toronto General Hospital; **Cecile Rotenberg,** executive placement officer, The Renaissance Group. Moderator is **Dr. Rachel Weinstock,** instructor of English as a second Language, York University.

This is scheduled for 8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 10 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. and everyone is welcome.

Admission is $2.

THEATRE NIGHT

Congregation Shaareh Haim and Shaareh Haim Hebrew School are sponsoring a live theatre night at the Curtain Club, 400 Newkirk Dr., in Richmond Hill (between Yonge and Bayview, north off Major MacKenzie).

The play, The Last Real summer, by **Warren Graves,** will be performed on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m.

Admission, $9 per person, includes refreshments.

For tickets or more information, call 884-8400.

HOUSELINK VOLUNTEERS

Houselink Community Homes is an organization that establishes co-operative housing for people who have received psychiatric treatment. Co-ops, each housing four or five men and women, are located throughout Metro Toronto.

Houselink is currently seeking volunteers who can commit a minimum of one evening a week to attend house meetings. The volunteer's role is to help with group decision making and problem solving in co-op matters. Ongoing training and support are provided by Houselink staff.

To inquire further please contact **Wayne Siebenga,** 968-0242.

at thejcc

Calling all parents of children ages 3, 4 and 5, there are still a few afternoon places available for nursery, junior and senior kindergarten programs at the JCC Northern Branch, in the 1986-7 season. Music, Gym, Conversational Hebrew and Optional Swim are just a few of the exciting and stimulating activities available at the JCC Nursery School. For additional information and to inquire about fees, contact **Rona Kaushansky,** 636-1880, ext. 229. Call today!

Cafe Dizengoff screens the Israeli film, Noah at 17, followed by Israeli folkdancing, music and Israeli nosh, Saturday, Feb. 15, 8 p.m. JCC Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Tickets are $2.99 in advance, $3.99 at the door. This is for university and highschool age students only. For more information call 636-1880 or 665-7733.

N/E Valley Branch of the JCC has limited spaces available for the September 1986 junior kindergarten. Children must be 4 years of age by December 1986 to register. The program offers Gym, Hebrew, Music, Art and Insight into Jewish Traditions. Call **Yonah** or **Jodi** at 889-0813.

Meet **Topper,** the official clown of Ontario Place, at Clown-A-Rama, Sunday, Feb. 2, 1-4 p.m., N/E Valley 7015 Leslie St. Puppets, face painting, balloons, crafts and a magical clown show, will add to the fun. Admission is $4 per member family, $6 non-member family. Hot dog and drink, are $1 per person.

Couples Over 40 presents Dreams: Some Unusual Aspects, with psychotherapist **Jerry Steinberg,** 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9 at the N/E Valley. Steinberg will examine such aspects as children's dreams and nightmares, how to control your dreams, illicit dreams and dream interpretation. Cost, including refreshments, is $5 per couple. RSVP to **Shirley Suchall,** 881-8952. For more details call **Rose Shapiro,** 889-0813.

A new group for **teens** at the N/E Valley, Club Hideaway, invites you to a Break the Ice Video Dance on Saturday, Feb. 1, at The Valley, 7015 Leslie St., 8 p.m. until midnight. Cost is $4 per person. Come out and dance to the top 40 video hits, meet other teens and break the ice. For more information contact **Rose** or **Jodi,** 889-0813.

for seniors

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Reserve early and sing away the February blues at Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50's Musicalle Luncheon, with soprano Karen Freedman and pianist **Nathan Rosen,** Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 1.30 p.m. in the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Everyone is welcome. Cost is $5.50. Phone 781-3511.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle, for people over 55 and on your own, looks forward to a Mary Kay Cosmetic Demonstration at the next meeting, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30. Come out and meet others at the centre.

Computers for Seniors, with a qualified instructor, is offered through the Lifelong Learning Institute Wednesdays, 1.30-3.30 p.m., Feb. 5-March 26. This is in the music room. Fee is $15 (material fee only).

A series focusing on The Middle East, given in co-operation with Humber College Continuing Education, is ongoing Tuesday, 10 a.m.-noon, until March 18. Instructor is **David Berlin.** Students at these classes, are conducting a historical survey of the factions, parties and ideologies that are struggling in the area today. Fee is $1.50 per session for Seniors, $2 Non-seniors.

At the next Wednesday Afternoon Social, 1.30 p.m. Feb. 5, comedian **Morris Naftolin** will entertain.

On Thursday, Feb. 6 at 1.30 p.m. in the synagogue, **Dr. Joel Sadavoy,** head of Psychiatry at Baycrest Centre, will speak on Depression - How to Prevent It - How to Deal With It.

DINNER CHAIRMAN

David R. Bloom will chair the dinner to honor Murray Koffler, sponsored by the committee to establish The Koffler Institute of Pharmacy Management at the University of Toronto. At the dinner, to be held in the Metropolitan Ballroom of the Hilton Harbour Castle Hotel on Feb. 24, some 2,000 guests, including Ontario Premier David Peterson and Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton, will join in paying tribute to Koffler.

AUCTION PLANS

Gordon Strauss, president of the Kitchener-Waterloo Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute addresses an audience of Weizmann supporters in Toronto. He announced plans for a second annual art auction to be sponsored by the Kitchener-Waterloo Chapter in June.

singles

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Beth Tikvah Chai Singles is organizing a deluxe Independence Day Israel Tour, May 5-19. Join a congenial group for a great holiday. Cost is $1,995 per person, Canadian funds (Israel bonds accepted as payment). Call **Roni,** 630-3932 or **Estelle,** 665-0744.

The **Jewish Union Book Club** meets next on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 1.30 p.m., when there will be a review and discussion of The Fall (paperback edition), a novel by existentialist writer, **Albert Camus.**

There is no charge, and refreshments will be served.

RSVP to **Jerry Lerman,** 1654 Bathurst St., Apt. 408, Toronto, M5P 3J9.

Na'amat's Pioneer Women Nurit Chapter invites single career women, mid 30s to early 40s, to share an evening with its members, Thursday, Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. Guest speaker will be **Andria Baltman** from Sheppard Celebrity Travel, who will describe Travel for the Single Woman. For

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Organizations and People

Homes sought for students

MONTREAL — Interculture Canada, a Montreal-based non-profit group that promotes world peace through worldwide cultural exchanges, has launched a family search campaign in which it will seek Canadian families to host a foreign student for one school year.

The student will live with the family while he or she attends a local high school for one grade. Students are between 15 and 18 years old and come from over 30 countries.

The program offers Canadian families an opportunity to get closer to another part of the world and its culture while hosting the foreign student.

Host families in the past have varied in age, size, income and occupations. They include single-parent families, retirees and childless couples.

For more information, call 1-800-361-7248 or write to Interculture Canada, 59 rue St. Jacques, suite 700, Montreal, Que., H2Y 1K9.

What's New

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directions and more details, call the Na'amat's office at 636-5425, days.

40 Plus Singles of Holy Blossom Temple meets on Sunday, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m. in the Philip Smith Foyer, 1950 Bathurst St., to hear **Moishe Ryczek** of Sabra Circle Introductions Ltd., explain A New Approach to Jewish Dating. A discussion follows. There is no charge and refreshments will be served.

JCC Singles 20s and 30s invites you to warm up your winter at an Aerobics Night in the Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., Saturday, Feb. 8, 8.30 p.m. sharp - with refreshments afterward. Cost is $2 for JCC members, $3 non-members.

JCC Singles 40 Plus gathers at the Northern Branch 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, for an evening of music and entertainment with **Ya'acov Halpert** and **Doron Ophir,** refreshments, dancing and mingling. Cost is $3 for JCC members, $4, non-members. For more information on these JCC Northern Branch Singles get-togethers, call **Elizabeth,** 636-1880.

JCC N/E Valley Branch Single Parent Group presents its Sweetheart Dance, with deejay, at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St., Saturday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. Prepare to meet your very own sweetheart and nosh on heart-shaped cookies with coffee. Admission is $4 for members, $6 non-members. Phone **Jodi** or **Sally,** 889-0813.

Join the N/E Single Parents for bowling every Tuesday night, 7-9 p.m., at York Bowl, 545 Wilson Ave. You don't have to be a great bowler, just come out and have some fun. For information call Sally, 889-0813.

JCC Valley Singles welcomes you to a brunch and lecture on Sunday, Feb. 9, 11.30 a.m.-2.30 p.m., at the Valley. **Barbara Madonik** will consider the fascinating topic, Meeting the One You Like, and Liking the One You Meet. Cost is $10 per person. RSVP by Feb. 3. For further information call **Sally** or **Jodi,** 889-0813.

Start the new year by meeting new people through **Jewish Dateline,** which operates under the auspices of Toronto Jewish Congress. Be among the 700 men and women who have already joined. Call **Gilbert Goldstein** at 789-0110.

Join the new **Club Moriah** (ages 25-40) on weekends in February and March for afternoons of outdoor fun. Activities include cross country/downhill skiing, snowshoeing for novices, intermediates and experts. Canteen, lessons and equipment rentals are available on site.

There will be carpooling to slopes and trails near Toronto. For more details on these trips and apres-ski fun, call 781-2169 or 638-6005, after 7 p.m. More information on the tours to Expo 86 in Vancouver may be obtained by calling 638-0747, weekdays after 7 p.m. Ask for **Stan.**

A Singles Dance (ages 19-35) is set for Wednesday, Jan. 29, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at **Heaven** in the Hudson's Bay Mall, 88 Bloor St. E. There is a $5 cover charge at the door.

CRIME PREVENTION AWARD

Jonathan Wolfe, (right) president of Oshawa Foods, accepts the Solicitor-General's Ontario Crime Prevention Award for the Child Alert fingerprinting program instituted in Food City and IGA stores last spring. Presenting the award at the Peel Regional crime prevention seminar is Ontario Solicitor-General Ken Keyes. More than 80,000 children were fingerprinted in Oshawa's free program.

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Organizations and People

Jewish attitudes to social issues

Leaders downplay Toronto Star poll results

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Jewish leaders in Toronto are playing down some of the results of a recent Toronto Star survey on minorities in Metro that showed the Jewish community is among the least satisfied with many social services, but at the same time, is generally content with life in Canada.

The survey, which wrapped up The Star's 7-part series called A Minority Report, shows Toronto's Jewish community is, among the seven minorities surveyed in the city, the least satisfied with quality of education, availability of rental accommodation, social services for the needy and child care facilities, and the second least pleased with government pension benefits.

The series by reporter Olivia Ward, which ran late last year in The Sunday Star, examined life and attitudes within the following minorities in the city: Italian, Chinese, Portuguese, East Indian/Pakistani, West Indian/Black, White Anglo-Saxon Protestant (WASP) and Jews.

In her final wrapup report on Dec. 22, Ward compared all the minorities' attitudes toward quality of life and services in Metro to one another and the results show that Jews in Toronto, along with WASPs, aren't as satisfied with services as are the others.

For example, Jews and WASPs are tied at a 67% satisfaction level (the lowest among the seven minorities) with quality of education or school system in their areas.

☐ Jews have the lowest satisfaction rating (40%) with availability of rental accommodation in the city.

☐ Jews are the least pleased (at 57% satisfaction) with child care facilities in Metro.

☐ And the Jewish community is the least satisfied (69% approval) with social services for the needy.

However, all that is not to say that Jews in Toronto aren't happy living here.

In the Dec. 8 article on Toronto's Jewish community, a survey by pollster Martin Goldfarb showed 81% of Jews in Metro are "very satisfied" with Canada as a place to live and only 1% "somewhat dissatisfied." No one was very dissatisfied.

In the same poll, 25% of respondents said they are participating in the wealth of Canada "to a great extent," and 52% said "to a fair extent."

All surveys polled 200 adults and have a margin of error of plus or minus seven percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

Among all the minorities, the Jews were among the groups that expressed the highest general satisfaction levels with life in Canada.

Les Scheininger, chairman of the Ontario Region of Canadian Jewish Congress, says the poll comparing all the minorities places everything in relative terms.

He told The CJN that the close correlation between Jews and WASPs simply means that because those two communities have been here longest, their satisfaction levels have dropped in relation to the other minorities.

"There's a higher degree of satisfaction among those from a deprived background," Scheininger said.

Many minorities in Metro are from societies with little or no comparable services, so they are more satisfied with services here and are newer to Toronto than Jews and WASPs, he added.

Alan Shefman, national director of B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights, agrees.

"Newer immigrant communities have more immediate needs," he said. "The Anglo-Saxons' and Jews' concerns go beyond the immediate."

And as for Jewish dissatisfaction with the services mentioned above, especially given that the Jewish infrastructure itself offers them, it's "less a reflection of what the Jewish community wants for itself and more of a higher demand for better services for everybody. Because of the Jewish social conscience, there is a demand for better services for everybody. It's part of the Jewish tradition."

Higher standards

Gordon Wolfe, executive director of Jewish Family & Child Service, said there is not much separating Jews and WASPs when it comes to social services.

"We're more integrated and have been around longer than the other minorities." Given the surveys' margin of error, Jews "are not all that different from the general community," Wolfe said.

Even though there's an extensive network of so many specifically Jewish schools and social services, Wolfe said "we're a group that always wants things better than they are. Our standards and expectations have always been higher."

One reason for the low Jewish level of satisfaction with the availability of rental accommodation in Metro, Wolfe guessed, is because of the higher-than-average number of senior citizens in the Jewish community compared to the general community, and all seeking rental units in roughly the same area of the city.

As for the low approval rating for child care facilties, Wolfe said Jews and WASPs are more apt to have both parents working than other, more male-oriented minorities.

But what community leaders are paying close attention to is the level of anti-semitism, real or perceived, as expressed in the surveys.

Among the minorities polled for The Star, the Jewish community was by far the most sensitive to discrimination and prejudice.

Forty-four percent of those Jews polled said their most pressing problem was prejudice. That figure was the highest, even higher than among visible minorities.

In the Goldfarb survey, 85% of Jews in Toronto said there is prejudice toward Jewish Canadians in the city and 55% said they have personally experienced prejudice and discrimination.

The levels of concern "reflect an obvious sensitivity about recent past history and a perception that attitudes of some members of society are lagging behind policies of multiculturalism," Scheininger explained.

The Goldfarb survey said Toronto Jews continue to be plagued by feelings of insecurity and resentment by others but that the actual figures show the Jewish community is harboring a perception that anti-semitism is much more widespread than it really is.

For example, the data indicate that prejudice is being directed against other members of minorities. While 13% of Anglo-Saxons polled admitted to being prejudiced against Jews, 39% said they were prejudiced toward Pakistanis, 36% toward East Indians and 29% toward Blacks.

In addition, said the survey, there is a strong feeling among the minorities polled that East Indians, Chinese, Blacks and Pakistanis are most susceptible to prejudice. Only 4% considered Jewish Canadians the main targets of prejudice.

But, according to the survey, half of Jewish Canadians believe that anti-semitism in Canada is remaining the same, while 26% say it is increasing. Only 20% said it is decreasing.

The figure of 85% of Jews believing that there is anti-semitism in Toronto is not surprising, Scheininger believes.

"Our experience is so fresh, so deep, that Jews are more sensitive. It's a natural mechanism of the Jewish psyche."

So although Toronto's Jews have attained relatively high levels of prosperity and influence, a sense of vigilance is still very evident, he added.

The Jewish perception of anti-semitism reflects "somewhat of an underdog mentality, but also reflects an honest and important understanding of recent Jewish history," said Shefman, adding that the community in Toronto is composed of a large number of Holocaust survivors.

But feelings of widespread anti-semitism can also be positive, he noted, because it keeps Jews alert and in fighting trim.

"History shows that complacency (among Jews) often brings assimilation," Shefman stated.

"The Jews are considered by almost everyone as a group that has made it— that it is comfortable, well-established and not really a target. But in day-to-day life, that's not exactly the situation."

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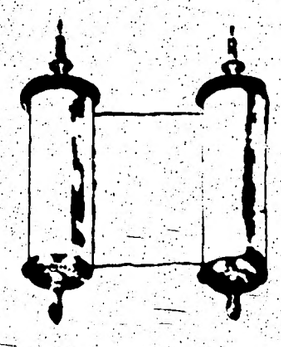

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Yitro

The frozen winter still surrounds us — but a warm heart can melt anything.

A merchant came to his chassidic rebbe with a request. The rabbi should pray for heavy snows, so that he could transport his huge lumber piles quickly by sleigh. To reinforce his request, he gave the rebbe a "pidyon" (donation) of 333 rubles, which is gematria for the word "sheleg" — snow.

On the way out, the merchant ran into the rebbitzen, and gave her an added tip of ten rubles.

Came the winter, and instead of snow there was rain after rain. The roads turned into bogs, and the lumber couldn't be moved.

The merchant returned to the rebbe with complaints — what happened to his "investment" for snow?

Answered the rebbe: "You messed yourself up. When you gave my rebbizen the extra ten rubles, it added up to 343 — the gematria of "geshem" — rain!

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How can we stop ourselves from getting all wet in our lives — bogged down with worries and lack of faith?

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What did he hear? Explains Rashi: The crossing of the Red Sea and the attack of the Amalekites. . . .

He heard of the great miracles that befell the Israelites, and he rushed to join the holy people.

Commented Reb Mendeleh Kotzker: Why was Yitro a saint? What he heard, others heard also. The gossip in the Sinai was full of the news of the great miracles. But he opened his ears. He did not just hear things — he listened! He tuned in! He considered the implications of the miracle people living by miracle means — and he decided, "I want in!"

Who does G-d talk to today? To the righteous only? To the pious ones only? To the daveners only? To the scholars only?

Every day a voice comes down from Sinai. It transmits above the sounds of short wave, over the beams of cable TV, over the music of FM stereo, over the roar of planes to Miami, over the din of the Super Bowl, the shouts of the stock market, the beats of hard-rock. . . .

A voice, still, quiet, pure, shimmering through the clear stratosphere of our own neshamas — G-d whispering into the heart of every Jew:

"What will be with you and **Me?** When will you immerse yourself in my Torah? When will you live my mitzvahs? When will you become a Kiddush Hashem?

The voice is there. . . . In the quietude of the heart, the thundering of Sinai. . . .

And our answer?

Every Jew must decide himself **Who** am I? **What** am I? **Why** am I?

Shabbat Shalom.

Outlooks differ, says Mideast expert

Arab differences called significant

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO — Though Egypt, Syria and Jordan are all marked by instability, they differ greatly in other social, political and economic aspects, a Middle East expert said recently.

Dr. Yosef Olmert, visiting professor in the departments of political science and history at York University, offered this observation at a lecture at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Speaking to the Men's Club as part of the Dr. Emil and Bessie Glaser Memorial lecture series, Olmert said that the tendency to generalize about the Arabs obscures significant differences between the various countries.

While these countries have a common language and a common religion, their political outlooks diverge. For example, he said, Egypt has made peace with Israel; Syria is unlikely to make peace, and Jordan might negotiate.

Egypt is the largest of the three with a population of 50 million, but an economy which can only support 22 million, Olmert said.

He added that its exploding birthrate will push it to more than 70 million by the turn of the century. And the entire population is squeezed into a narrow strip along the Nile.

"You have towns that cannot accommodate the basic infrastructure for their people."

But despite its constant troubles and a per capita income of only $300 per year, Egypt does have some assets, said Olmert.

Although 50% of the populace is illiterate, many Egyptians are educated and have carried their knowledge and skills throughout the Arab world.

However, it is these skilled individuals, frustrated with the lack of economic opportunity, who have been leading the demonstations, Olmert said.

"There is always the situation of near revolution. The real leaders of the Islamic revolution in Egypt are the educated."

Egypt's size, and long association with the West has contributed to the sense that it is the leader of the Arab world, Olmert observed.

But, he said, today it is caught up in debate about its identity, and affiliation with other Arab states and Islam.

It is "an unstable society by definition," Olmert concluded.

"The question is with a society like this can you really expect to establish stable relations? The answer must be no.

"But at the same time because of their problems they might like to drop out of the conflict to attend to their own problems."

Syria, with abundant water, strong agriculture, and self-sufficient in oil, has few of the economic dilemmas faced by Egypt.

However, Syria has a problem unknown to the Egyptians, Olmert said. While Egypt has a single minority (about 8% of the population is Christian), Syria is composed of about 15 to 20 different ethnic, religious and cultural groups.

"There is no solidarity but a negative one. It is not what they like together, but what they hate together: Israel," said Olmert.

Syria can only exist by brutally suppressing its minorities, and the ruling Alawites retain power because they control the army — "this is resented and tolerated by the rest of the country."

Olmert reminded his audience that in February 1982, the Syrian government razed the Syrian city of Hama and killed 30,000 inhabitants.

Yosef Olmert

Syria has been among the most vehement opponents of Israel, Olmert said. This opposition is based on the early emergence of Arab nationalism in Syria, and the country's belief that "Palestine," Jordan, and Lebanon are all part of greater Syria.

As a result Syria is building the strongest army in the Middle East, threatening Israel and other Arab states, Olmert noted.

Jordan is a very strange creation, an "artificial" creation, said the visiting scholar.

With its massive Palestinian population, it is difficult to understand why it is ruled by the Hashemites and is not a Palestinian state, he said.

"The real problem of Jordan is its very existence, its legitimacy. Its own people would be the first to question it," said Olmert.

Asked to justify Israel's return of the Sinai in the face of such instability in Egypt, Olmert offered two explanations.

First, he said, Israel had said for 30 years it would negotiate if an Arab state were willing, and once the process began "there was no way out of it."

Second, he said, "time is not static, it depends on what you do with it." For Israel to have even temporary peace with the largest Arab country is important.

Olmert said he agreed with this logic, and argued that the return of Sinai had also convinced the Americans of Israel's diplomatic sincerity.

Olmert is at York for one year under a Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchange program. He has previously taught history at Tel Aviv University, acted as a media commentator and as an advisor to foreign embassies in Israel. He received his PhD from the London School of Economics.

Haggadah free for the blind

NEW YORK — **Any blind or visually impaired adult or child who wishes to participate fully in a Passover seder this year may obtain a Haggadah, in either large-print or braille or on audio cassettes, as a free gift from the Jewish Braille Institute of America, the institute's president, Dr. Jane Evans, has announced.**

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Organizations and People

Scharansky's 38th birthday marked by MPPs

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Anatoly Scharansky may continue to languish in a Soviet prison, but last week at the Ontario Legislature, his 38th birthday was remembered with a birthday cake and pledges to keep up the fight on his behalf.

Several members of the provincial parliament and relatives of Scharansky were at Queen's Park to mark the Soviet dissident's birthday and ninth year of imprisonment.

Led by MPPs Steven Offer, Marion Bryden and Donald Cousens, who are the co-chairmen of the Ontario Legislature Committee for Soviet Jewry, an-all party committee set up to sensitize MPPs to the plight of Soviet Jewry, the gathering was also attended by Debby Solomon, a cousin of Scharansky's who lives in Toronto.

The parliamentarians praised Scharansky for his courage and called on the Soviet Union to allow him to join his wife Avital, who has lived in Israel since the two were married in 1977.

"We hope we'll celebrate his 39th birthday next year in Jerusalem," said Solomon, who attended the Geneva superpower summit late last year with Avital Scharansky, hoping to put Anatoly's case to the Soviets.

Scharansky, a mathematician by training, was arrested in March, 1977 for having applied to leave the USSR for Israel four years earlier.

In July, 1978, after more than a year being held incommunicado, he was convicted of treason, slandering the Soviet state and spying for the CIA. He was sentenced to three years imprisonment and 10 years in labor camp in the Tatar Republic's notorious Chistopol prison.

Recently, Avital found out that Anatoly had been given a concurrent term of six months in solitary confinement for going on a hunger strike after complaining that his mail wasn't getting through. He was transferred to the Perm labor camp in the Ural mountains.

According to Solomon, Scharansky's health is poor and deteriorating after a series of hunger strikes over the past three years. Scheduled visits from his parents have been canceled for no apparent reason and his mailing privileges curtailed, she added.

Both Offer (Lib.-Mississauga North) and Cousens (PC-York Centre) said Scharansky has come to symbolize the plight of all Soviet Jewish Prisoners of Conscience and Refuseniks.

Bryden, the NDP member for Beaches-Woodbine, announced that an official motion is now before the Legislature, one that would allow Ontario's ombudsman to discuss worldwide human rights violations directly with offending nations.

The gathering was presented with a Torah-like scroll of over 8,000 names, calling on the Soviets to grant religious freedom to all seeking it. The petition was compiled across Canada over a 3-year period by the Canadian Friends of the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem.

In another development, the Soviet Jewry task force of the North American Jewish Students Network held an all-day vigil at Queen's Park last Saturday on behalf of Vladimir Lifshitz, a 44-year-old Leningrad Jew arrested Jan. 8 on charges of anti-Soviet slander.

According to Network, Lifshitz has been a Refusenik for five years. He is now awaiting trial.

(L-R): Marion Bryden (NDP-Beaches-Woodbine), Debby Solomon, Steven Offer (Lib.-Mississauga North) and Don Cousens (PC-York Centre) hold an 8,000-name petition calling on the Soviets to cease harassment of Jews and Christians. The occasion was Refusenik Anatoly Scharansky's 38th birthday celebration at Queen's Park. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Organizations and People

Rosenberg role in school needs to be recognized

By
RABBI ERWIN SCHILD
Adath Israel Congregation

Historical revisionism is associated with totalitarian regimes. Names are erased from monuments and tombs when a leader once the national hero and the paragon of ideological purity, falls into posthumous disgrace; history books are rewritten to reflect the changed reading of the past through the new spectacles of political revolution. Yesterday's god is today's demon.

In more stable totalitarian states where political change is less visible and ideological shifts more subtle, past heroes are often buried under a shroud of official silence. They simply drop out of history. "His place recognizes him no more (Job 7:10)," the Bible says. It is as if they had never existed. They have become non-persons.

I was reminded of this kind of historical revisionism when I looked over a souvenir booklet published on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the United Synagogue Day School of Toronto. It is a very fine school indeed, which has accomplished a great deal in popularizing day school education in Toronto. With its excellent academic record over the years, its distinctive approach to an integrated curriculum development and the exciting innovative spirit it tried to foster, USDS has made many converts to the day school movement in our community and spread its appeal to circles which had remained cool to the day school idea.

A good part of the credit for the success of the USDS must go to Beth Tzedec Congregation which started it as a congregational "foundation school," and housed the main branch of the school for the past 25 years.

What amazed me, however, was the total omission from the history of the USDS, as recorded in this booklet, of the one name that ought to be closely linked to the story of its origin and its success: Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg.

Rabbi Rosenberg has been a controversial figure in our community.

His long feud with Beth Tzedec Congregation has left our community with a fallout of antagonisms. But one fact must be acknowledged: the United Synagogue Day School was Rabbi Rosenberg's baby. He conceived it, labored, brought it forth, and nurtured it to maturity with love, effort, and devotion. Only a person of his vision and tenacity, with his charismatic sway over the congregational lay leaders, his forceful leadership and his faithful following could have persuaded Beth Tzedec to perform this outstanding service to Jewish education.

It was a magnificent contribution to the Conservative movement and to the entire community on which the congregation selflessly bestowed the benefactions of the new day school. It belonged to the United Synagogue, but its major burdens were borne by Beth Tzedec for a long time.

For the sake of fairness, justice and truth, and in the name of historical veracity, I salute Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg for his role in the establishment of the United Synagogue Day School. I hope the community will never forget.

Jewish Women's Federation

New group offers forum for change

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO — Togetherness — the catchword of the 50s — is resurfacing in the 80s for Toronto's Jewish women as a means of meeting the challenge of changing needs in the Jewish community through united action.

That is a major goal of the recently-formed Jewish Women's Federation; an amalgamation of Federation of Jewish Womens Organizations and United Jewish Appeal Women's Division.

JWF will "provide a forum through which women may use their collective talents and clout to play a more participatory role in community leadership and the policy-making process," say the organization's leaders.

As a Toronto Jewish Congress affiliate, JWF hopes to initiate measures for change and act as a sounding board for the parent body on issues of social and political concern to women. With a constituency of more than 50 women's organizations — large and small — JWF represents a wide variety of ideologies and backgrounds.

Under the leadership of founding chairman Judy Gwartz and vice-chairman Etty Danzig, Anne Handelman, Judy Noyek and Penny Offman, each with clearly-defined responsibilities, JWF has already been involved in a major function, UJA's Kaleidoscope 86, and has drawn up an agenda for the months ahead.

UJA, said Judy Gwartz, is a "vital component of JWF. Increased campaign participation and support by Toronto's Jewish women, has added immeasurably to the quality of Jewish life in our community," she added.

As the umbrella organization for Jewish women's groups throughout Metropolitan Toronto, social action will play a key role in future activities, says Gwartz.

Members of the executive offer a toast to newly-organized Jewish Women's Federation at installation. From left are vice-chairmen Penny Offman, Judy Noyek, Etty Danzig, Anne Handelman, and chairman Judy Gwartz.

Steps have already been taken in that direction, she said. "A letter under our auspices, was sent to Ontario Attorney-General Ian Scott, supporting a submission for an amendment to the Family Law Reform Act, to have both spouses sign an affidavit to remove all barriers to a Jewish divorce (get) at the time of civil divorce."

It is the first time such support has been given by a combined Jewish women's group.

The amendment was endorsed by Canadian Jewish Congress (national), as well as CJC Ontario Region, and was approved by the Ontario Legislature. (CJN Jan. 23).

"With such a diverse group of women coming together with one voice," said Gwartz, "JWF can be a model for unity for the rest of the Jewish community."

Judy Noyek, whose responsibilities take in public relations and programming, believes the first order of business should be to "inform and fully acquaint the community with what we're all about."

Planned for some time in March is a newsletter which will be inserted in The Canadian Jewish News. A brochure will be prepared for distribution early in the year.

Outreach, which falls under the purview of Etty Danzig, has a key role in JWF planning. The first thrust will focus on women in the 25 to 40 age group who live in the downtown core.

"We used the most recent census study to pinpoint single parents and professionals who have no Jewish affiliations," Danzig stated. "We hope to draw them in with interesting programming in conjunction with UJA's Business and Professional Women's Network."

Another innovative project, Shalom Toronto, is designed to welcome newcomers to the city and get them involved in Jewish communal activities.

A JWF team will present the new householder with a "welcome basket." In it will be numerous items which will include the JWF brochure and pertinent information about the local neighborhood.

"Anyone who knows of a new-to-the-city family in their area may contact Lillian Moses at Toronto Jewish Congress — 635-2883 — and we'll be happy to follow up," said Danzig.

The Presidents Council, which has met on two occasions, has an important role in overall JWF planning.

"It provides a vehicle through which to further leadership development, apprise our constituent organizations of vital issues to be addressed, and above all, offer each other support," Mrs. Gwartz said.

"The active involvement and input of so many women's groups under one umbrella organization will enable JWF to give women a more strategic and cohesive voice in dealing with the issues to be confronted by this Jewish community as we move beyond the 80s into the next decade," she said.

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Organizations and People

Chronic pain avoidable, says specialist

Back injury sufferers urged to fight pattern

By SERGE TITTLEY
TORONTO —

No one ever "throws a back out," there's no such thing as a "slipped disc," — and the amount of pain endured by the backache sufferer often has nothing to do with the seriousness of the ailment.

Not only that, says Dr. Hamilton Hall, a noted Toronto orthopedic surgeon, but the best way to recover from a back injury is for the patient to take responsibility for it away from the doctor.

Speaking to a large audience at the Ontario Science Centre as part of the centre's Science Behind the Headlines series, Hall said the challenge every back pain sufferer must face is how to deal with the fear that often accompanies back problems.

Almost all back pain cases fall into one of three categories, he explained. The first type involves wear and tear on the facet joints of the spinal column, irritating local nerves. Pain will usually manifest itself in the buttocks or thighs.

The protruding disc, also known as herniated, ruptured, or fractured disc, is the second most common type of back injury. Like the case of wear on facet joints, it will cause muscle spasms.

Pinched nerves, which Hall said just about every back pain sufferer claims to have — "it's really popular, I guess we all want one" — is the rarest form of back ailment, accounting for barely 10% of all back problems.

The real difficulty is getting patients to understand that their fear of back pain — that it will make it impossible to do the things they've always wanted to do — is the toughest challenge they face.

"The cycle which dominates back pain is that of spasm, followed by pain, then the fear and anxiety of the patient are increased, and then another spasm, more pain, and ever increasing anxiety.

"By letting this pattern become the norm we can get ourselves very rapidly into serious problems," Hall said. He added that it's this sort of panic which often leads some back patients to slip into a pattern of chronic back pain. The affliction then becomes much more debilitating than the initial problem would have warranted.

"Part of the problem is that we don't understand pain very well, although we do know that it is synthesized, that it is something which the body manufactures," he added.

Every patient's pain level will be different and not just because the injuries or ailments are different, Hall said, adding that the amount of pain endured is not related to the problem causing the pain.

"Patients simply cannot use their pain as a guide to the seriousness of the problem," the back specialist said, adding that every patient's "pain behavior" will be unique.

The pain behavior is also one of the most important factors any physician must take into account when devising a treatment plan with the patient.

Hall added that if hurt does not equal harm, then it follows that sometimes a regimen of activity is the best medicine for a hurt back, not immobilization and inactivity.

"Reacting to pain by becoming less active may well make a situation worse," since it increases fear, tension, and anxiety. Better to be wrestling with the pain by engaging it, he said.

The "bad back" can become an "insidious" device which allows patients to manipulate others and to withdraw from activities, including work, which their conditions do not make necessary.

Getting rid of the helpless feeling and learning something about how the back works, and "not sacrificing everything for the back, but making sure the changes in one's life — because of a back ailment — do some real good" are the proper steps to take, the doctor said.

Hall, who has written a well-received book entitled The Back Doctor, is associated with the Canadian Back Institute, a privately operated medical service at 60 Grosvenor St. in Toronto. The institute can be reached at 966-7129.

CZF holds competition

Audiences sought for speakers

TORONTO —

The Canadian Zionist Federation's public speaking competition for youth is in full swing, encouraging future leadership in the Jewish community.

The performances in the preliminary heats have been widely acclaimed by community leaders, who are acting as judges in the competition.

According to the CZF's Central Region executive director Monty Robbins, however, the only thing missing from the contest are audiences to listen to the speakers.

Robbins told The CJN that he would like to solicit the support of the Jewish community to attend the competitions in larger numbers.

"You will find interesting and stimulating discussion on a variety of vital topics affecting the Jewish people and Israel and gain valuable insight into the views of the younger generation," Robbins says.

"Present indications are that we will need a continual supply of speakers able to combat anti-semitism and anti-Israel sentiments for many years to come."

The competition is divided into three age categories. Category A is for speakers aged 15-18; category B for speakers aged 19-22 and category C for speakers aged 23-30. A total of 33 participants are entered in the competition.

The competition got underway Jan. 5 with Amy Freedman, 16, a student at Parkside High School in Dundas, Ont., winning her heat with a speech on Women and Judaism— a Changing Role. Also on Jan. 5, Jeffrey Jacobs, 29, won with a talk on anti-Israel and anti-semitic propaganda through the medium of postage stamps.

The following week, at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Jennifer Paton, a 22-year-old philosophy student, won her heat by speaking on Reflections on a visit to the Museum of the Potential Holocaust. In a later heat, Allen Zarnett, 27, a management consultant, won by speaking on the subject Give to Israel— Buy Israeli.

On Jan. 19, 16-year-old Jill Handelman, a high school student, won with her speech on the Necessity of Israel. Perla Arditti, 26, the youth director at Adath Israel Synagogue spoke on Jews in Smaller Communities and won her heat. And there was a tie in category A competition between 17-year-old David Hackam, whose topic was Centuries of Persecution— How have the Jews Survived? and Joel Beasley, also 17 whose topic was Jewish history: A Future View.

The winners of each heat of three speakers advance to the next round. The finals in each category will be held Sunday, April 6 at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Until then, heats will take place Feb. 2, Feb. 16, Feb. 23 and March 2 at various venues.

Speakers are judged out of a maximum 50 points on each of the following: ability to hold the interest of the audience, developing a logical sequence of arguments and making a final point; audibility, clarity and vocabulary and general manner, gestures and appearance on the platform.

Speeches must be no longer than 20 minutes, speakers must answer questions from judges and they must take part in a panel discussion on a variety of Jewish or Israeli subjects.

Judges in the competition include Shira Herzog Bessin, national executive director of the Canada-Israel Committee; Judge Phil Givens, CJN columnist J.B. Salsberg; Member of Parliament Robert Kaplan and other religious and community leaders.

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Organizations and People

Eisen sets goals

Hotel chain officer heads Harbour Commission

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — Fred Eisen, director and vice-president, real estate for Four Seasons Hotels, has been elected the new chairman of the Toronto Harbour Commission.

Eisen's goal is to gradually reduce the agency's enormous debt.

Eisen said the commission's debt is expected to drop to around $29 million this March from a March 1984 high of over $32 million.

This has been accomplished by contracting out development work on some of the waterfront properties controlled by the commission. One of the planned developments is the World Trade Centre at the foot of Yonge and Harbour St. Eisen said construction is expected to start this fall or spring 1987.

One proposed development is for a condominium complex on Stadium Rd. behind Tip Top Tailors' Lakeshore Rd. building. Construction is expected to start in the fall of 1987 or spring 1988.

"People are starting to realize (the waterfront) is a desirable place to live and work and for light industrial development," Eisen said.

While seeking out new developments for Toronto's waterfront, Eisen said the commission keeps in mind its responsibility to Torontonians to ensure "proper development" of the area so the public is not cut off from taking advantage of the lake.

One venture designed solely for the benefit of the public is a proposed 1,200 boat marina. Eisen said the commission is considering the facility due to the shortage of mooring and docking facilities at the waterfront. Before any work is done though, public meetings will be held.

Eisen said that while reduction of the debt is important, "we have not nor will we lose sight of the reason for our incorporation, that being the Port of Toronto."

Incorporated in 1911, the Toronto Harbour Commission is responsible for "anything and everything" on Lake Ontario from the Humber River to the Scarborough Bluffs, including the Island Airport, pleasure craft and freighters. It is also responsible for 1,350 acres of land along Metro Toronto's waterfront, including storage and handling areas for freighters.

Fred Eisen

The new chairman pointed out that the Toronto Harbour Commission is one of the few such harbour commissions in Canada completely autonomous from all other political bodies. Its five commissioners are appointed by the federal government and the City of Toronto and arrive at decisions on their own.

While finding it a healthy way of functioning, Eisen said it results in attacks if they don't make a good decision.

A former chairman of the North York planning board, Eisen is immediate past chairman of the board of York Finch General Hospital and is a member of the board of directors of the Canadian National Exhibition.

First appointed as a Toronto Harbour commissioner by the City of Toronto in September 1981, Eisen is presently serving his second term.

Eisen and his wife Beatrice have six children and two grandchildren.

Commissioner John Herrick, who takes over from Eisen as vice-chairman, is chairman of the board of General Mills Canada.

Other members of the five-man board are immediate past Harbour Commission chairman Andrew Paton, Tom Clifford and Donald Manson.

Zundel, Keegstra are link

Tradition of hatred cited

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Ernst Zundel and James Keegstra are part of Canada's historic tradition and stand as a link between anti-semitism of the past and present, says Rose Wolfe, chairman of the Joint Community Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

"These people did not surface suddenly, but rather form part of the anti-semitic continuum that included Toronto's Christie St. and swastika riots," Wolfe said recently at a breakfast meeting of the Beth Sholom Brotherhood.

She said it is unfortunate that World War II was not the "purging experience one may have hoped for. Forty years after the Holocaust and we are still confronted by anti-semitism."

Wolfe noted that last year's trials of Zundel and Keegstra made all Canadians aware that hate groups are very much alive in Canada. "With these trials, though, hatemongers have been put on notice. They have learned that they have to pay for their misdeeds," she said.

She said that despite the fear that the trials gave hatemongers sought after publicity, the trials "served as a vehicle to show how hideous anti-semitic literature is."

The JCRC chairman added that it is comforting to know that the people who branded Keegstra as a wrongdoer were his own neighbors. "It shows that anti-semitism holds sway over relatively few people," Wolfe said.

She said that with the convictions of Zundel and Keegstra, Canada has told the Jewish community that it is an integral part of society and that anti-semitism is an assault on all of the country's citizens.

Wolfe stressed that Canada is not an anti-semitic nation. "We are talking about society's fringes. What they think is not the popular sentiment," she said.

She said, however, that many anti-semitic groups have surfaced since the two trials, many of whom claim the Holocaust was exggerated. "Exaggeration is merely a code word for hoax," Wolfe said.

The constant presence of these groups shows that it is unrealistic to expect that anti-semitism can be totally eradicated, she said, adding that it will help if "all of us in the mainstream are ever alert to these people's activities."

Toronto seeks outstanding youth

TORONTO — The City of Toronto's International Youth Year Committee plans to honor 10 outstanding young Torontonians who have excelled in volunteer and community service in 1985.

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Missing children, youth suicide high priorities

AZA president stresses pride and fraternity

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

The international president of AZA, the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization's male component, stopped in Toronto recently to visit one of some 27 regions he expects to visit during his term of office.

Jeffrey Ackerman

Jeffrey Ackerman, 18, of Denver, accompanied by Allan Moll, president of AZA Lake Ontario Region (Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, London, Hamilton, Buffalo and Rochester), spent about a week in the region before moving on to Montreal, Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton.

Ackerman, who prefers the Hebrew title Grand Aleph Godol, says he is the first international president of the organization from Denver and from the Rocky Mountain Region (Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming). He belongs to Judge Saul Pinchick Chapter Number 6.

Elected to his position in August at the annual international convention at Perlman Camp in Starlight Penn., Ackerman says he has been touring continuously since October.

He plans to stop at 27 (out of 37 regions), and also hopes to travel to the overseas branches of the organization. Ackerman's constituency includes 16,000 members in 12 countries.

Ackerman deferred university during his 1-year term of office to concentrate on his AZA duties.

He says he eventually plans to study political science and then enter law school to work either in government as a private attorney.

Describing his rise to the presidency as a "stepping stone process," Ackerman says he began as Rocky Mountain chapter secretary.

He then became editor of the chapter newspaper, Denver Council treasurer, and gradually moved up to Grand Aleph Mazkir, or international secretary before being elected international president.

Besides traveling to the various regions, Ackerman says his duties include running meetings of the executive board, acting as AZA representative to BB's board of governors, sitting on BB Women's International board, and representing AZA to BB's youth commission.

Ackerman says the two programming thrusts during his term as president are creating greater awareness of the problems of missing children and youth suicide.

"As an overall theme," says Ackerman, "I stress pride and fraternity. I strongly believe that to work for an organization effectively one must believe in what he is working for.

"Fraternity is the true background of the AZA. It is the strong point, a brotherhood of Jewish young men. Each and every member is an important part of the organization, and BBYO is an organization for everybody."

AZA was begun by male, Jewish university students in 1923 because they were refused membership in non-Jewish fraternities. Founded in 1924 with Hebrew letters instead of Greek, the fraternity was adopted by BB in 1925.

Moll says that Lake Ontario Region of BBYO has 1,000 members with about 600 members and 18 chapters in Toronto.

For more information about the organization, phone (416) 635-9411 in Toronto, or (514) 733-8221 in Montreal.

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1 tbsp. baking powder

Mash bananas and stir in yogurt, egg and margarine until well blended in a large bowl. Stir in bran cereal and set aside. Combine remaining ingredients in a separate bowl. Add flour mixture to bran mixture, stir until just moistened.

Turn into a greased 9 x 5 inch loaf pan. Draw a knife lengthwise through centre of loaf. Bake at 350F for about 65 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the middle of loaf comes out clean.

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Organizations and People

Rabbi warns of consequences

Religious split widening

TORONTO —

By the year 2000 two irreconcilable Jewish communities could exist in North America unless preventive action is taken, says Rabbi Reuven Bulka who will be presenting his views during Shaarei Shomayim Congregation's Great Weekend Scholar in Residence Program at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8.

"The split between the traditional and non-observant Jewish communities is already so wide that they don't mingle with each other comfortably. And with each going its own way halachically, we must be made aware of the possibly devastating consequences," says Bulka, spiritual leader of Congregation Machzikei Jadas in Ottawa.

During Shabbat morning services, Bulka will also deliver a drasha on the weekly portion.

At the Brotherhood Breakfast at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, he will speak on The Future of Jewish Marriage. Too much emphasis, he says, has been placed on the mechanics of marriage, and too little on the essence of a loving relationship.

"The Jewish family must learn to integrate not only halachic norms but ethical norms too that will escalate a union from a functional to a thriving one," the rabbi adds.

Bulka has developed both these topics in recent books. He is chairman of the Family and Marriage Committee of the Rabbinical Council of America and the founder and editor of The Journal of Psychology and Judaism, and host of a popular Ottawa television show, About Ourselves.

Bulka's lectures are open top the public and are free of charge. For more information call the synagogue office, 789-3213.

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Feb. 10	Emunah Women of Toronto, panel discussion entitled "Jewish Women: Tradition and Challenge." Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., 8 p.m. For information call 635-9847.
Feb. 15	Youth and Hechalutz, and the Jewish Community Centre, Cafe Dizengoff movie, "Noah at 17." At the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Feb. 16	Public speaking competition for youth sponsored by Canadian Zionist Federation, 2:15, 4:30 and 8 p.m. Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. For information, 665-7935.
Feb. 18	T'nach Study Group, Toronto Jewish Cultural Council. Lecturer Dr. Daniel Andrews, Joel, Chapters 3 and 4. Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.
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Educators to promote study in Israel

TORONTO —

Telling parents about the benefits that a year of study in Israeli can bring their children is a major part of what two senior officials of the Hebrew University's Rothberg School for Overseas Students will be doing when they visit Toronto and Montreal next week.

Prof. Amnon Shiloah and Israel Roi, provost and vice-provost respectively at the school, will speak to prospective students and their parents and to officials of both cities' universities.

The two want to meet with parents to illustrate "the fantastic effect a year spent studying in Israel can have on their children," says Ben Schlesinger, a social work professor at the University of Toronto and co-chairman of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University's academic affairs committee.

Schlesinger said many parents are pleasantly surprised by the changes they notice upon their children's return. "Many students volunteer to work with deprived young people in Jerusalem. This opens their eyes, and many of them continue to do volunteer and community work when they get back to Canada," he said.

Schlesinger added that the university's 1-Year Program also gives students a perspective on Jewish life in other societies.

"They meet Jewish students from other countries. They could pick a roommate who's not North American. For many, this forms a lifelong network of friends around the world," he said.

In Toronto, the meeting will be held Sunday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. The Montreal meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish People's and Peretz School, 5170 Van Horne Ave. For more information, call (416) 789-2633 or (514) 932-2133.

Another win for BB Lodge

TORONTO —

For the fourth time since 1969, B'nai B'rith Upper Canada Lodge of Toronto has been named winner of B'nai B'rith International's Sidney G. Kusworm Award, given annually to the men's lodge and women's chapter having the best overall community service program.

The Toronto lodge previously won the award in 1969, 1977 and 1983.

"We have always believed that we were here as people helping people," said past-president Ronald Klayman, under whose leadership the lodge carried out it numerous community programs last year. "This is the motive and underlying belief that makes our lodge work."

Upper Canada Lodge's project include Clowns on the Town, a year-round program designed to help disabled children participate in outings, assist in the annual Jerry Lewis telethon, and visit patients at various hospitals.

Other programs include; operating bowlers' tournaments, golf tournaments for war amputees, and bingo nights for senior citizens; distributing Passover food baskets to the needy; sponsoring outings for victims of muscular distrophy.

Putting on a Chanukah festival for the elderly; donating blood; participating in fund raising walkathons; and carrying out Operation Brotherhood every Easter and Christmas during which lodge members take over non-technical police, fire department and hospital tasks that Christian employees can spend the holidays with their families.

"Upper Canada Lodge will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this year," Klayman said. "It was my greatest pleasure to have been president during a year in which we won the Kusworm Award. I'm sure I will be equally thrilled when we win it again — and we will."

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Organizations and People

Waxman honored by Hamilton club

Jewish businessman wins award, makes history

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Chester Waxman was named Hamilton's 1985 Distinguished Citizen of the Year at a recent dinner sponsored by the Hamilton Advertising and Sales Club. One of five nominees, he is the first Jew to win the award in its 48-year history.

Awarded annually in recognition of service to the community, it was presented to Waxman for his outstanding success as chairman of the Hamilton Civic Hospitals Building Fund Campaign.

The 59-year-old flamboyant, cigar-chomping and ever cheerful Waxman is the president of I.W. and S. Ferrous Ltd. and secretary-treasurer of I. Waxman and Sons Ltd. — the scrap business that has grown from the humble horse and buggy beginnig of his father's day to one of the largest metal recycling and brokerage firms in Canada. He attributes his involvement in numerous community and charitable causes to his Jewish upbringing.

Chester Waxman

One of nine children, Waxman recalled that although there were times when he was growing up when the family may not have had much to eat, "there was always something that went to charity." It was from his parents, he said, who taught him the value of charity.

A Negev Dinner honoree and former president of the Council of Jewish Organizations, he has been actively involved with the boards of Adas Israel Synagogue and the Hamilton Hebrew Academy, B'nai B'rith, Israel Bonds and UJA.

In the community his involvement has extended over such diverse organizations and institutions as the Easter Seals campaign, of which he is a past chairman, the Hamilton Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, Hamilton Place, the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, Theatre Aquarius, Opera Hamilton and numerous others.

But he considers the hospital fund raising campaign the highlight of his community career.

Originally set a $8 million, the campaign "is now hovering around $12 million" and he expects it to reach $14.5 million by the spring.

A well-known sports figure — his Waxman Scrappers used to be "the best fastball team in the country" — he now owns three horses, a pacer and two trotters, named Genghis Cohen ("rather a winning horse last year" and "now resting") and two yearlings named Citizen Cohen and Icecream Cohen.

Waxman has another important date: On April 12 there'll be a roast for him at the Hamilton Convention Centre, with "my favorite roaster, Red Buttons," his cousin Al Waxman, Hamilton-born comedian Martin Short, Stelco chairman Peter Gordon, broadcaster Paul Hanover and industrialist Douglas Sinclair among those taking part.

A native of Hamilton, Waxman and his wife Bailey have three sons, Warren, Robert and Gary, a daughter Brenda and seven grandchildren.

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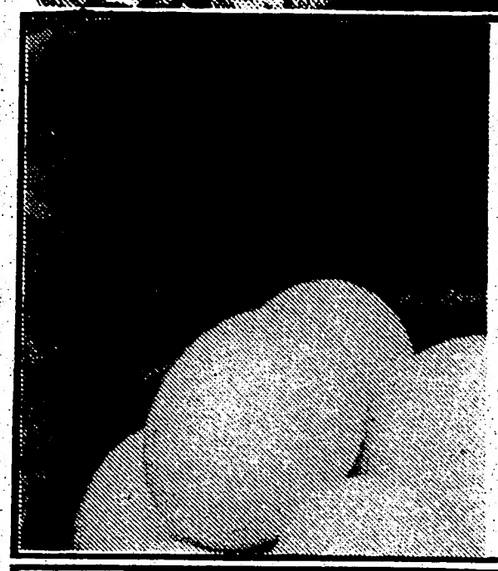

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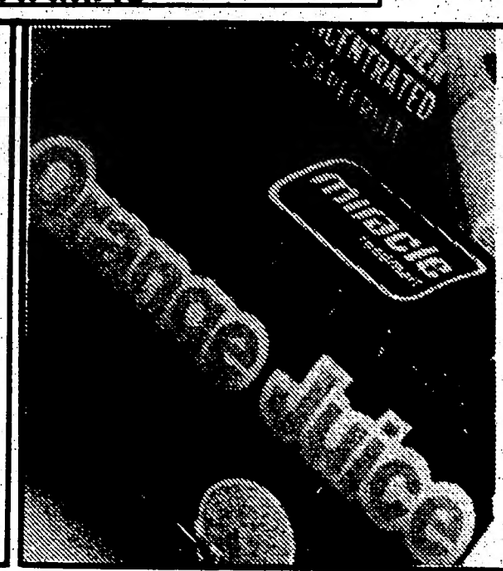

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Seniors must make govt. listen, says Orson

Belle Orson, president of the Association of Jewish Seniors, received Volunteer of the Year Award last fall from North York Mayor Mel Lastman.

By JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

As Canada's senior citizen population increases, it should aim for a bigger voice in government, says the president of the Association of Jewish Seniors.

"We have the knowhow and years and years of experience," Belle Orson said in a recent interview with The CJN. "Seniors should band together for a strong union."

Orson said that as seniors' groups begin to unite and exhibit "grey power" the government will be forced to listen. As evidence of this, she cited last fall's protests against the federal government's planned deindexation of pensions as instrumental in the government backing down on the matter.

"It was the start of something big," Orson said. "It showed us we can do whatever we want to do."

With that battle won, Orson said the association is now turning its attention to the provincial level and the issue of extra billing by doctors.

She said the association will soon start bombarding the government with calls and letters urging it to pass the bill outlawing extra billing.

Despite protests against the proposed legislation by the medical community, Orson said she doesn't think doctors will withdraw their services or leave the province.

Orson said she has also met with representatives of the Ontario Pharmacists' Association to discuss the provincial government's proposed legislation to reduce drug costs. At the meeting's end, she said both sides disagreed with each other's views.

As well as meeting with such groups as the Ontario Medical Association and OPA, Orson said her position as president of the Association of Jewish Seniors requires her to keep constantly in touch with the association's 26 member clubs and "to keep up with the times."

Orson said she went from being a member of the 5,000-plus member association to "stepping into (former president) Arnold Iscove's shoes last month after over a decade of serving the Centre for Creative Living at the Bernard Betel Centre, including four years as chairman of the members' council.

She said she originally began her volunteer work to keep herself busy.

"I went in and forgot to come out," she added.

As well as serving as president of the Seniors' Association, Orson sits on the board of the Centre for Creative Living and Coordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly.

Last fall, she received Volunteer of the Year awards from Mayor Mel Lastman for the City of North York and former Lieutenent-Governor John Aird for the government of Ontario.

Health group marks 25th

TORONTO —

The Toronto chapter of the Natural Hygiene Society, the largest chapter in the international organization, is celebrating its 25th anniversary, the president and founder reports.

Joe Aaron who has guided the Toronto branch with his wife Gladys (the vice president) since 1961 says the society has as its goal the promotion of good health through a raw, vegetarian diet, adopting mental poise, exercise and rest, and contact with the natural elements.

To mark the occasion, the group held a banquet in September and honored Joe and Gladys with plaques from the U.S. and Canadian branches for their efforts.

Joe Aaron, who describes himself as being very health minded, found out about the group by attending a meeting of the American society at the Henry Hudson Hotel in New York City in 1960. The American branch was begun about 35 years ago, he says.

Inspired by its philosophy, he started the Toronto chapter which is now the largest in the world with 800 members, he says.

The group runs monthly programs, 10 months of the year, and offers lectures, weekend seminars, health fairs, and speakers from around the world, says Aaron.

A newsletter keeps members informed about activities and information, and Aaron adds that the society can arrange to have speakers for other groups.

Lectures usually take place at the Toronto Board of Education, 155 College St., and a health fair with a variety of displays will be held there Sunday Feb. 23., Aaron says.

In July, the group is holding an international conference at Brock University in St. Catharines, and Aaron says that Dr. Alec Burdon, an osteopath from Australia, will be among the guest speakers.

Membership fees are $12.50 for individuals, $15 for an individual plus spouse and child, and $7.50 for students and seniors.

For more information phone Joe and Gladys at 781-0359.

Refuseniks documentary to be shown

WINDSOR —

Gates of Brass, a docudrama featuring interviews with Refuseniks filmed secretly in Moscow, will be shown in a special screening sponsored by the Windsor Jewish Students Association — Hillel at the Windsor Jewish Community Centre at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30.

Wally Reinstein, national Hillel coordinator, will present the film and lead a discussion at the screening which is open to the public.

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Pharmacist's life enriched tracing family tree

By
MOURA WOLPERT

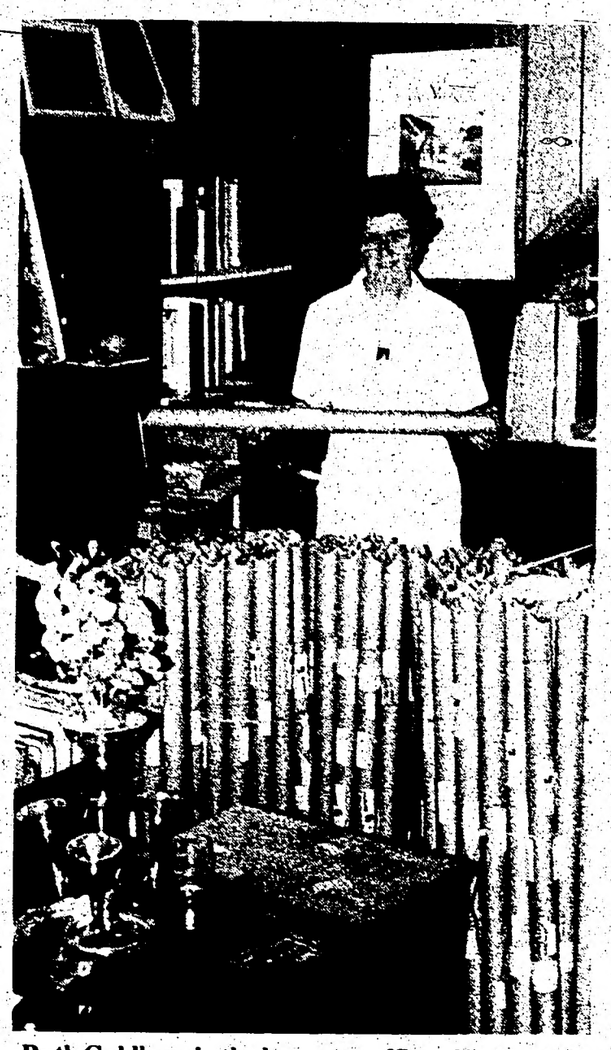
HAMILTON — Researching a family tree has "enriched our lives enormously" pharmacist Ruth Goldberg told a small group of young women who came to hear her talk about the rewards — and importance to Jewish families — of such an enterprise.

"Do start now," Goldberg urged the members of Nitsan Chapter, Na'amat Pioneer Women gathered at the home of Ieta Waxman.

All of us, said Goldberg, were affected by what happened 40 years ago and even if you can only go back one generation, any information you can gather about your family is of vital importance to your children and grandchildren.

Begin by talking to the oldest living family member and use a tape recorder or write everything down, she advised. Ask who is alive and contact them and even if you think you have to go on, talking to parents, uncles and aunts will often yield useful information.

Born Ruth Benario, Goldberg admittedly had a head start because, as she explained, she remembered as a small girl in Germany seeing the picture of the Benario family tree in her parents' home.



Ruth Goldberg in the basement office of her home with family trees ready to mail out.

That picture now occupies pride of place in her dining room, joined recently by a new family tree, printed in 1984 and listing 126 families and 345 living relatives. Its circle design by Oakville graphic artist Don Baker makes it expandable and Goldberg intends to reprint it every five years to keep it up to date.

The original family tree dates back to Samuel Loeb Benario, born in 1783 or 1786 in Wertheim, Germany, who adopted the surname Benario in 1812, when Jews in the newly created Grand Duchy of Baden were told to choose surnames. Prevented from taking the name Loewensohn — son of Loeb (Lion) — because it was too similar to the grand duke's family name of Loewenstein, he simply translated it into Hebrew, making it Benari and adding an 'o' for good measure.

A brief history written by his great-grandson Rabbi Dr. Max Eschelbacher of Duesseldorf provides a further information and brings the story up to 1938.

The chance discovery by a friend of the identical family tree in a Missisauga home some years ago resulted in the two families from opposite sides of the tree meeting for the first time but it wasn't until after Ruth and her husband Yaacov took their two daughters, Rochelle and Naomi, "back to where we came from in Germany and England" in 1978, that her quest began.

During the 70s they had already discovered a large family of cousins in Israel and now Ruth sent out a questionnaire. "One letter led to another and we decided to make a living family tree."

For the Goldbergs, family tree research has since become an all absorbing hobby. Ruth, who works at St. Joseph's Hospital, spends about five hours a week on it while Yaacov, an insurance agent and amateur radio enthusiast, finds his hobby useful in contacting far-flung family members.

They have discovered relatives in Israel, the United States, Argentina, Brazil, Holland, England and Switzerland and have visited almost all of them, including those in Argentina. This they hope to travel to Anchorage, Alaska, to visit the only family they have not yet met, and the only relatives who have so far not responded to any inquiry are those in Chile.

Several family members are listed in the Encyclopedia Judaica including Rabbi Eschelbacher and his father, Rabbi Joseph Eschelbacher; Rabbi Martin Littman; Shmuel Duv Devani, the inventor of the Duv, Devani dew guage; Walter Eytan, former Israeli ambassador to France; and Oskar Cohn, a socialist member of parliament in the Weimar Republic and legal advisor to the Soviet ambassador to Berlin, who was responsible for obtaining the release of the Lubavitcher Rebbe from the Bolsheviks.

A file and card index list information on every family member and twice a year the Goldbergs mail out a newsletter.

Among the most recent additions to the family tree are their two grandsons, a boy each for Naomi in Ottawa and Rochelle in Vancouver.

Useful sources of information include public records of births and deaths, the archives of Canadian Jewish Congress and Jewish historical societies, Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and the Journal of Jewish Genealogy published in New York City, while From Generation to Generation: How To Trace Your Jewish Genealogy And Personal History by Arthur Kurzweil and finding Our Fathers by Daniel Rotenberg are helpful books.

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Retiring Canadian Friends official to be consultant

Jack Jacobson's work for Hebrew U won't stop

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

You can't keep a good man down.

That's why, when longtime Hebrew University fund raiser Jack Jacobson retires at the end of January, his connection to the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University didn't end.

Not by a long shot. "I'm going to be a consultant," Jacobson says, sluffing off suggestions retirement means an end to his communal activities.

In fact, in addition to his consultative work with CFHU, Jacobson will continue fund raising "for a cause I believe in. I couldn't see myself working in something in which I didn't have a personal interest."

For the last 26 years, Jacobson, executive director for Toronto and Ontario, has been associated with the Hebrew University — a "cause" he describes in terms of aiding Israel's development. The Jewish state wouldn't be where it is today without the skill and expertise of its people, developed in part by the country's institutes of higher education, he asserts.

Since 1960, when he opened the Toronto office of CFHU, Jacobson has noticed "a growing awareness for the need to foster higher eduction in Israel, partly brought on with more Canadians visiting and seeing the reality" of the country.

"They see Israel has to become involved in high tech, training professionals from social workers, to medical people to agronomists." The tremendous strides Israel has made since its birth in 1948 is due in part to the contributions made by experienced trained professionals, Jacobson says.

That's where the Hebrew University comes in. Pointing to the university's dental school in the Ein Karem medical complex, its law school at the Givat Ram campus and its social sciences department on the Mt. Scopus campus, Jacobson notes that the Canadian Friends have been instrumental in funding each of these facilities.

Jack Jacobson

If a visitor were to take a stroll through any of the university's four campuses, they might notice some familiar names on the buildings: the Louis H. Posluns social science building, the Bloomfield Library for the Humanities and Social Sciences, the Joe and Ida Berman building for humanities or the Lady Davis Building, housing the Jewish national and university library.

When Jacobson opened the Toronto office back in 1960, there was no shortage of work to do. The office consisted of himself and one secretary, although there had been "the beginnings of a chapter" of the Canadian Friends in Toronto going back to the 1940s. The national office was located in Montreal.

Today there are about a dozen people on staff in the Toronto offices, and a network of members and contributors nationwide of from 8-10,000 people. Since 1960, more than 1,000 Canadians have studied at HU.

Back in the early days, "I used to cover Toronto and Ontario, including the boondocks," Jacobson recalls.

One stop on his cross-country tours was Kirkland Lake, which could then support a viable Jewish community. He'd also visit Timmins, North Bay and Peterborough, but the population shifts to larger centres no longer makes visits to the smaller communities viable, he says.

(St. Catharines, Windsor, London, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa and Kingston still support chapters.)

Prior to coming over to the Canadian Friends, Jacobson had developed his fund raising skills working with the United Jewish Appeal (when it was called the United Jewish Welfare Fund) and the Zionist Organization. "I looked after the kashruth division (of Canadian Jewish Congress), chaplaincy and fundraising," he adds.

So what didn't he do, he's asked.

"I didn't sweep the floors," he quips.

Besides his work as a fund raiser, Jacobson has found time to raise a family of three children — Teddy, Ellen and Judy — and he and wife Lillian enjoy their three grandchildren.

He's served on the regional executive of Congress, and been on the board of Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto; he's served as a member of the JCRC of Congress, he's worked as a volunteer probation officer and today is a volunteer on a literacy program to teach newcomers English.

"My feeling is that Jewish professionals don't involve themselves, by and large, in other communal activities," he says, something which is still a priority for him.

Not only does he advocate Jews participate and "take stands on controversial issues" in Canada, Jacobson says Jews should speak out on the Israeli political and social scene. Jacobson serves on the executive of the Toronto chapter of Peace Now.

Looking back on his 26 years with the Hebrew University, Jacobson takes pride in helping "put the Hebrew University on the Jewish agenda in Toronto and Ontario.

"I get the feeling that if there's a Jew around who hasn't heard of the Hebrew University, he's either living in a vacuum or is not aware of the realities of Israel."

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The Fantasy Collection will be at The National Bride Show at the Queen Elizabeth Building, Feb. 7-9.

On stage, the historical and imaginary characters of Marie Antoinette, Snow White, Cinderella, Guinevere and Frances Lord Trollope — niece of the Bajan pirate, Sam Lord — come to life in breathtaking beauty.

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Accompanying the gowns, Today's Bride is presenting a collection of ornamental Fantasy Masks. These four creations — some as large as four feet in length — are crafted of flowers, feathers, ribbons and beads to create images of butterflies, starbursts and mystical creatures.

The Fantasy Collection has been created by a star-studded cast of designers and manufacturers, including Ben Hoffman for Highlite Fashions; Maria Jean Pierre; Francois for Bridal Creations; G. L. Fashions; Gordon Dress; Christine Morton for Christine and Company; Mary Guzzo for Guzzo Designs; Anita Thomas for Marilyn Brooks Boutiques; Claudio Branco for David E. Rea; Hildie for Jac An Formals; Ritche Couture; and Hiro for A. Richman and Sons.

The Fantasy Masks and flowers, especially designed for the gowns, were created by Jay Houston and Associates — Design Discovery of Mississauga.

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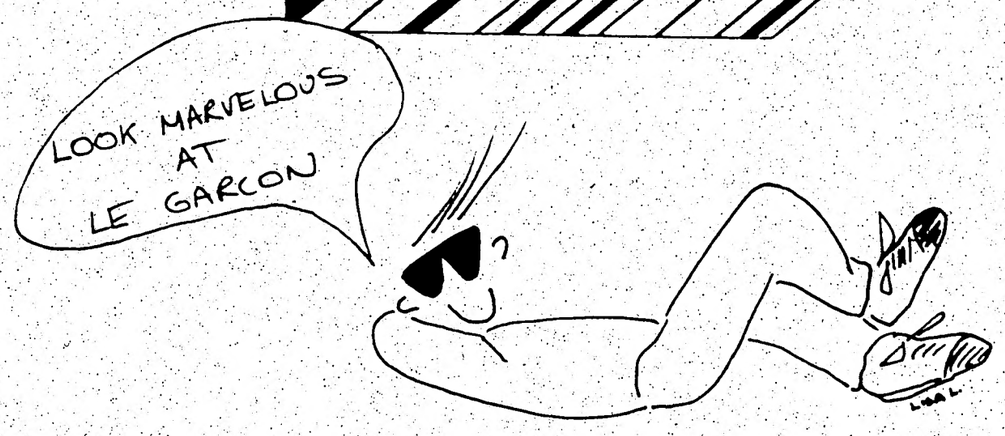

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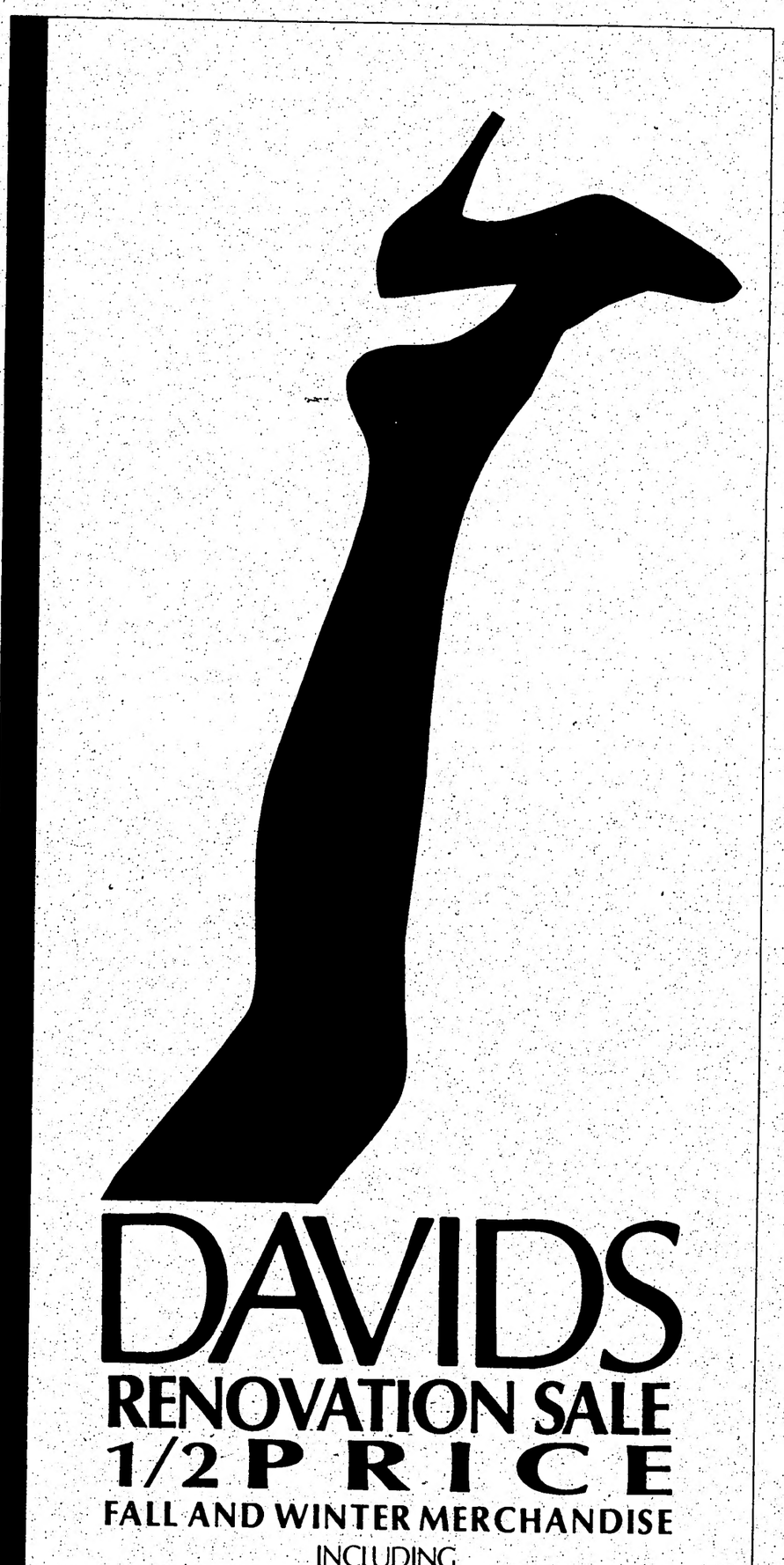

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Fashion

Eveningwear style changing

By
LORI SMITH

This winter and spring one trend is evident in after-5 and evening fashion for women — the silhouette is much more fitted.

Ben Liebman, owner of Ben Liebman Frocks Ltd., a Toronto manufacturer of daywear and eveningwear for women, says that the trend away from looser garments has been accompanied by a new acceptance of very elaborate dresses.

The customer wants her eveningwear to be very elaborate or very simple, but she does not want anything ordinary.

Liebman's company has a solid reputation as a manufacturer of a certain evening dress — flowing, formal chiffon.

But this winter through summer (Liebman explains that most of the dresses in his line are not seasonal. You can wear them to a party now and to a wedding in the summer) and the 50- to 60-dress collection Liebman puts out under the Majestic lable deviates fashionably from that tradition.

Organza, re-embroidered lace, jacquard, beaded organza and gold and silver lame look fabrics were the basic materials of the line.

Style points such as a peplum jacket, dropped sleeves, and both wide and narrow pleating in pants contributed to the fashion forwardness of the line.

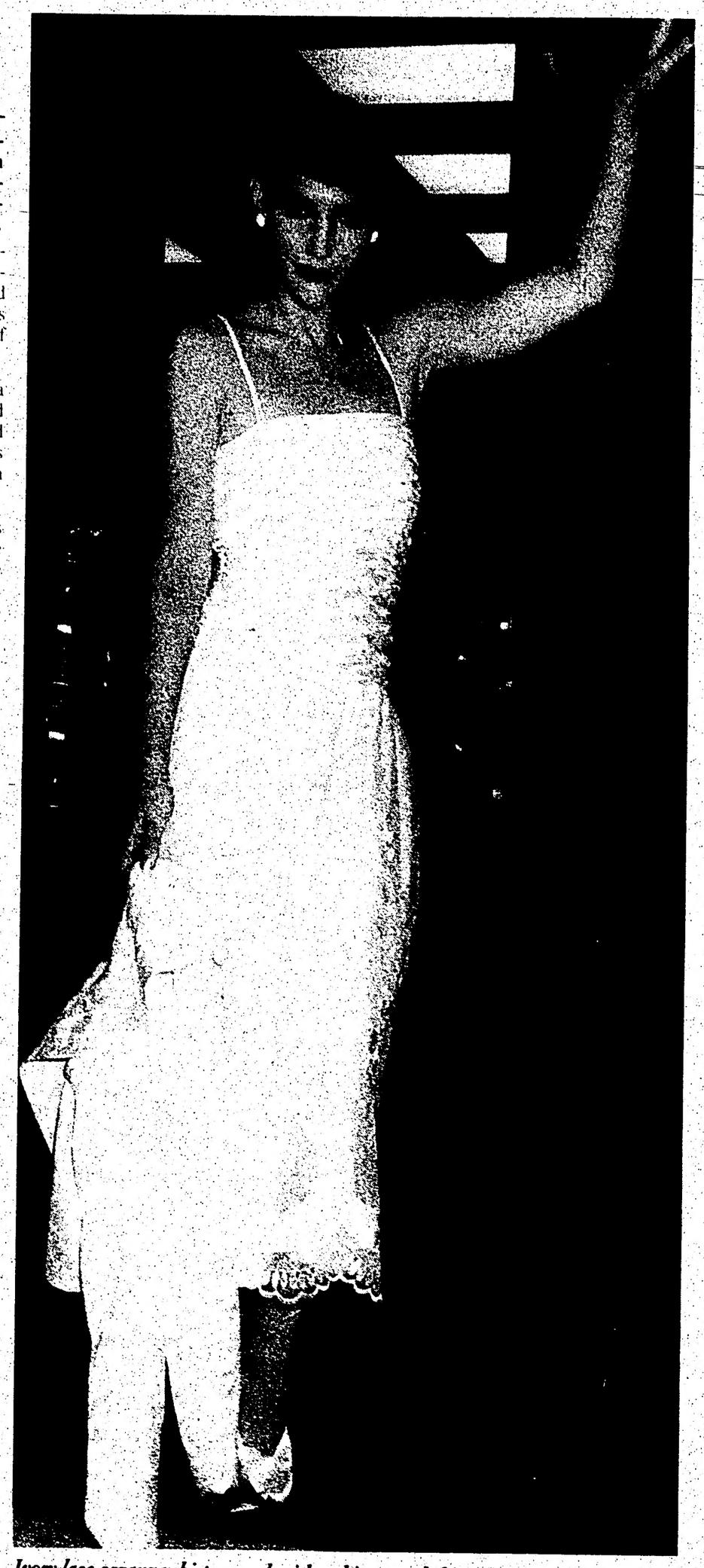
Liebman says that this season silver and gold are more important than the deeper colors. A glittering dolam sleeved sweater top with an elasticized ribbed knot black midriff and cuffs worn over a crepe type skirt with a slit illustrated his point.

In the Majestic evening line the colors are classics: ivory, gray, white, royal blue and black. But in the cruisewear portion of the collection the fashion news is black and white.

One of the most interesting items is a black and white dress in a stencil print. The difference is that it is available with black on white or white on black — positive and negative.

Another important garment is a simpler dress featuring a draped back. It is made in a synthetic fabric with a silk hand. This fabric is exclusive to Liebman's.

The Majestic line is designed by Bernadette Hill, who is currently located in York City. It is available at better ladies specialty shops in Toronto.



Ivory lace organza skirt, reembroidered jacquard shirred bodice and jacquard bolero jacket from the Majestic line. (Ronny Shinder photo)

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By NETTA ZUCKERMAN

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Painted sweatshirts create sassy, fun look

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Proud owners of new paintings are finding them easy to show off when they wear them on sweatshirts, T-shirts and stirrup pants by Wearable Art.

Each article, designed and hand painted in machine washable fabric paint by partners Mary House and Diane Harbecke is an original piece of art work created in bold, vibrant colors.

House, who began creating the shirts last summer as gifts for friends, says she "never dreamed they would take off as well as they did."

She says that as word spread about her work she could not keep up with the orders alone, so Harbecke joined the business and they set up in their Bathurst St. studio.

House notes that their biggest "and most' exciting" order to date has been from Simpsons, whose buyers were looking for sweatshirts to complement a line of blue floral denim jeans. We took various styles of sweatshirts and painted each one in a floral design such as cabbage roses or clovers."

Harbecke explains that although they may use the same design on many shirts, no two are identical because each is hand done and signed.

She points to a white sweartshirt with a woman's face in bright shades of red, purple and yellow painted on it. "Another shirt may have the same design and even the same colors, but the woman's expression will be different," says Harbecke.

House shows a shirt with pink ballerinas leaping across the chest that the women designed for O'Keefe Centre during their fall ballet season.

"We really have a lot of fun designing and mixing colors," she says.

Their pink watermelon shirts did so well for the summer season that they are working on a line of bright fruits for the spring.

Also popular are their flamingos dressed in black bowties, tropical scenes with palm trees and beach balls and various floral designs in purples, blues and greens. Many are dotted with multi-colored sequins.

Harbecke says they are happy to custom-make a shirt in almost any design a customer requests.

"We've custom-made a young girl playing a violin, a saxophone with notes blowing out the top and a figure skater," she says.

Harbecke says that painted stirrup pants can be added to the shirts to make a set.

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Arts

Composer finds big business in children's market

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Children's records have become quite a big business in Canada, and one of the people who can take credit for the boom is Bob Schneider.

With three successful albums and numerous concert performances behind him, Schneider, 39, is one of Canada's bestknown kids' singers. Last month, he began appearing in CBC TV's *Vid Kids*, a 13-part series designed for viewers between the ages of 5 and 11.

And if CBC succeeds in syndicating Vid Kids internationally, Schneider may well become something of a household name among the younger set in Europe, Asia and the U.S.

Right now, though, Schneider — a transplanted American who has lived here for the past 15 years — is hoping that Vid Kids' life will be prolonged after its first year on the air. If it goes over well, he'll have the chance of composing 24 new songs for his many devotees.

Schneider's songs, which are joyful and plaintive, as well as serious and zany, are written in simple, direct language which any child can understand and appreciate.

No convoluted words or melodies for Schneider.

Schneider, who has almost no formal musical training, is a master of improvisation. Three quarters of his songs were composed with, not just for, children.

He wrote his first children's song nearly 10 years ago, when, as a teacher's aide, he was inspired by his immigrant pupils to set lyrics to music. It all happened in a park, near a stream, when some of the kids, knowing he was a musician, asked him if he knew any songs about the water. "I didn't, so I decided to make one up. I started singing, 'Listen to the water! Rolling down the river!' "

By the end of the day, Schneider and his charges had composed *Listen to the Water*, a song that remains one of his favorites to this day. Schneider was such an instant hit with the kids that the North York school board hired him again and again to work with children enrolled in its English as a Second Language program.

Schneider's peculiar method of composition, so effective in teaching immigrant children how to communicate, has worked exceedingly well for him since then. "I strum my guitar, talk with the kids and something happens. Anything the kids say I'm picking up on. By having a good time, things happen. You can make up a zillion verses this way."

The son of a medical doctor, Schneider is a Jewish boy from the Bronx. When he was still very young, his mother gave him piano lessons. At the age of 17, he started playing his older brother's guitar.

After earning a New York University BA degree, Schneider went to law school, but dropped out soon afterward because he feared he would be drafted to fight in Vietnam.

To avoid the draft, he took a crash teaching course, and that enabled him to be a ghetto teacher in Harlem. He concedes he was a "lousy" teacher. "I had no training or experience."

Around the same time, Schneider began composing what he calls "contemporary soft rock" songs. An independent recording producer who had just obtained a job with RCA in Toronto heard them and was impressed. He invited him to record an album here, under the name of Robert David, and his career was launched.

"I thought I'd be home in five days," he said. Although his album bombed, Schneider liked the quality of life here so much that he stayed.

To support himself, Schneider played in local clubs and universities and worked as a restaurant waiter. "Those were the lean years," he said.

In 1980, after having established a following among teachers, students and parents, he recorded his first album, *Listen to the Children*, which yielded a Juno nomination. Two years later, with the release of *When You Dream a Dream*, Schneider won the Juno. His newest album, *Having a Good Time*, is a combination of innovative melodies, rhythms and lyrics.

He can thank two of his three brothers (a podiatrist and a lawyer) for his success: they financed his first two albums.

In terms of record sales, Schneider is probably in third place, trailing only the phenomenal Rafi and Sharon, Lois and Bram.

In addition to his recordings, he is known for his cross-Canada concerts (where he always performs with a local children's chorus).

Schneider said he hopes to revive his popular revue, *Every Kid's a Star*, which opened at the Leah Posluns Theatre and went on to the Bayview Playhouse here.

As gregarious in person as he is on the stage, Schneider recently signed a deal with an educational publisher who will distribute his songs worldwide.

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Natasha Press (kneeling, centre) rehearses the role of Helen Keller with other members of the cast. Debbie Diamond (standing behind Helen and her parents) alternates in the role of Annie Sullivan with Naomi Steiner.

Miracle Worker planned by the Hebrew Academy

TORONTO —

The Miracle Worker, the award-winning play by William Gibson dealing with the childhood of Helen Keller, will be presented by the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1, and Sunday, Feb. 2 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

The production is being directed by Judith Macdonell, who has been long associated with theatre in Toronto.

It stars Natasha Press as Helen Keller. The role of Annie Sullivan will be played by Naomi Steiner and Debbie Diamond on alternate nights.

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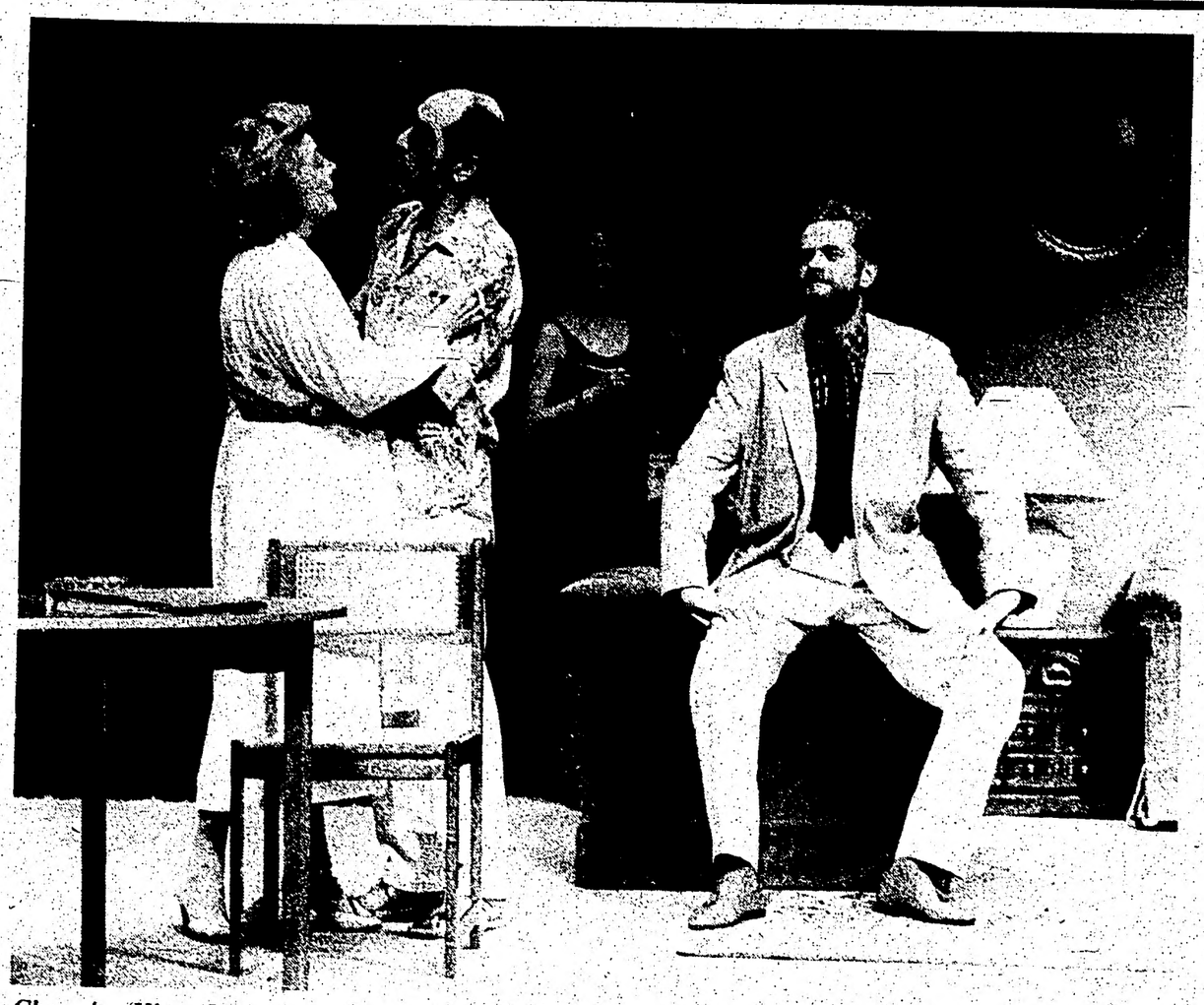

Charmion King (Jessica), George Sperdakos (Phil), Susannah Hoffman (Peggy) and Norman Browning (George) in Jitters.

No need for jitters about this play

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
TORONTO —

Centre Stage Company's revival of *Jitters*, David French's hilarious play about backstage backstabbing, is one of the highlights of the local theatre season.

When Jitters was originally staged here in 1979, the critics were kind to it. It was, they unanimously agreed, a superior production.

This time around, they also have cause to be positive. Jitters, as directed by Miles Potter, is what theatre should be like — diverting and entertaining.

Jitters, which is playing until Feb. 8, is not perfect. It gets off to a very fast start, falters somewhat in mid-course, and then recovers brilliantly, ending on a rousing note.

A play within a play, the plot turns on the insecurities, jealousies, rivalries and paranoias of a group of actors readying themselves for their next performance.

The friction becomes apparent when Patrick (Douglas Rain) and Jessica (Charmion King) begin to get on each other's nerves as the long-suffering director, George (Norman Browning), attempts to whip the show into shape.

Patrick, never having performed outside of Canada, is plainly jealous of Jessica, who has the distinction of having been on Broadway.

Phil (George Sperdakos) complains that his pants are too tight and much too shiny, and George, after viewing a preview, tells his actors that they are becoming sloppy.

But that's not all. The stage manager, Nick (Morison Bock), is bringing George to a boil because he insists he is running behind schedule.

The whole crew is nervous, not only because they are suffering from the usual jitters, but because a famous New York critic or producer, Bernie Feldman (who is not actually seen on stage), will be in the audience on the first night. If he likes their play, *The Care And Treatment Of Roses*, they may all be heading to Broadway. Not bad for a bunch of Canadians who have an inferiority complex about the merits of Canadian theatre.

Naturally, the universe does not unfold as it should. Jessica and Patrick continue to flail away at each other, Phil and Patrick bicker, and Robert, the playwright (Tom Wood), winces when George suggests that a cut or change in the script may be necessary.

Panic ensues when Phil is accidentally locked in a bathroom, and Tom (Tom McCamus) arrives just as the curtain is about to go up.

The laughs zoom by a mile a minute in act 1, but a lull settles on Jitters in the following act, as if no one can sustain the mad pace.

By act 3, however, Jitters is well on its way.

Douglas Rain is the quintessential curmudgeon, a mischievous grin on his face as he sets about undermining Jessica and Phil.

George Sperdakos is an excellent schlemiel, the loveable, mother-fixated nice guy who dreads facing the critics without a prompter.

Charmion King displays a calm confidence in the face of imminent disaster, and Tom Wood conveys the understandable anxiety of a writer who fears his script will be mangled by incompetent, uncaring actors. Norman Browning is very good as the patient, but exasperated, director, while Morison Bock exudes the chutzpah of a man who knows what he is doing.

Jitters, which meshes their machinations seamlessly, is great fun. It is clearly a hit.

Book on Lubavitchers depicts a thriving group

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Holy Days: The World of a Hasidic Family, by Lis Harris, General Publishing Co., $25.95.

There are about 250,000 chassidim in the world today, divided into 40 or more sects. The largest and best known of these is the Lubavitcher group, most of whom live and flourish in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, NY.

Totally removed from the secular concerns of modern society, the Lubavitchers find inspiration in an Eastern European pietistic movement that began three centuries ago and in reverence for their leader, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson. He is the seventh guide of the group from its inception, the son-in-law of his predecessor, and now in his 84th year.

The author of this unusual study is a staff writer for The New Yorker Magazine who was reared in an Orthodox family she now calls assimilated. She had a splendid idea: to establish close contact with a Lubavitcher family over a number of years in order to understand and appreciate the chassidic way of life in all of its colorful and varied detail. She was fortunate in finding the Konigsberg clan — a warm and helpful group that included Moshe, Sheina, their family and friends.

What emerges from the skilful reportage is a movement of immense vitality with contempt for the values of modern industrial society and with ties to a daily rhythm of ritual observance and messianic fervor. It depicts, at the same time, a thriving group with ardent feelings for family and with a wide range of emotional and spiritual satisfactions that are largely absent from more conventional religious life.

Especially interesting is the complex role of women — their rigid separation from the religious regions of men, the exaggerated forms of modesty, the arranged marriages, the large families, the importance of the ritual bath and the advice sought from the Rebbe about vital life decisions.

Chassidism differs from Orthodox Judaism-apart from such matters as garb and exclusion of the outside world — in its passionate attachment to the Rebbe as a source of wisdom and insight and in its wholehearted adherence to mystical ideas about the creation of the world, the nature of sin, the process of individual and national redemption and reincarnation.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, since 1973, has been an outspoken advocate of West Bank annexation. He has advised Israel to retake the Sinai and insists that the Torah absolutely forbids Jews to relinquish as much as one inch of the Holy Land to "idolators."

The original articles in The New Yorker aroused much attention. Now expanded in more enduring form they offer a superbly drawn portrait of a dynamic and growing segment of Jewish religious life.

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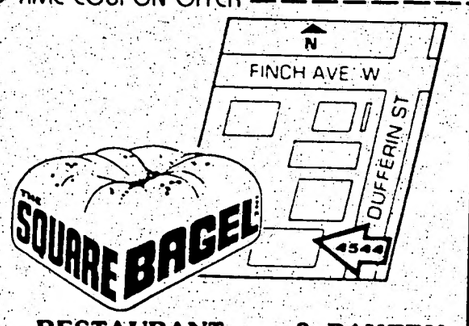

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Rabbi's book deals with death and the meaning of life

By
ARNOLD AGES

Great books come in cycles. In the 1950s and early 1960s it was Joshua Liebman's Peace of Mind, a thoughtful essay of reconciling personal ambitions and accomplishment.

In the 1970s it was Harold Kushner's provocative essay, When Bad Things Happen to Good People, a stimulating response to the problems of evil in the world.

The rest of the 1980s, I believe, will be the decade of Rabbi Samuel Porrath's brilliantly compassionate treatise Life Beyond The Final Curtain (Ktav).

A rabbi at Buffalo's Temple Beth-El for more than half a century, Rabbi Porrath, the scion of a distinguished rabbinic family, has poured into his new book the distillation of a life time of experience as a rabbi, teacher, preacher and comforter to the bereaved.

In his remarkable book whose title will be explained shortly, Rabbi Porrath has addressed himself to the question which modern pastors try mightily to avoid in their ministrations to synagogue flocks — death and the meaning of life.

Some will see in Porrath's volume the ideal companion for the individual who is sitting shiva and in this regard that use is highly recommended.

Porrath's essay has a much broader appeal, however; it speaks to all who have been troubled over the basic metaphysical question touching upon the meaning of life and the hereafter.

In presenting his ideas about the day in which the deceased live on in us and around us, the rabbi visualizes their influence as comparable to the curtain calls which the performer makes after the theatrical presentation is over.

While the dead may have no concrete physical existence in our world of the living, they constitute, according to the rabbi, a powerful force to shape and control our lives. In death, in fact, people often exercise a greater role in that regard than when they were among the living.

In arguing his thesis Rabbi Porrath writes simply, elaborating on his beautiful and edifying thesis with copious quotations from the Bible, Talmud and folk literature of the Jewish people. The citations he adduces are woven into the text of his narrative just as fine threads are blended artistically into a Persian carpet.

What does the rabbi mean when he talks of the deceased making curtain calls?

His book is filled with hundreds of personal anecdotes drawn from his 40 years of service as a rabbi — which illustrates his thesis.

He tells, for example, of a family that was riven with quarreling and argument. Despite his best efforts the father could do nothing to assuage the bitterness among his children.

One day he died and the children assembled for the shiva. Petty hatreds, jealousies and contention were forgotten as they observed the mourning rites. In death the father had been able to accomplish what had been denied him in lifetime.

Another example concerns a transformation which occurred in the life of a young man whose immigrant parents had despaired of the son who had rebelled and joined disreputable causes and organizations.

After university he had become completely estranged and although he lived at home he could find nothing in common with his parents. He spent most of his time with friends "doing his own thing."

One day his father had a heart attack and on his death bed summoned his son — who was nowhere to be found. When he was finally reached, the father had finally gone on to his reward.

The young man, shattered by the death of his father, and especially by the fact that he had not been around when his presence had been requested, underwent a psychological transformation of such magnitude that he became a model person.

His father had made a curtain call from the grave and reached out to touch the son in a way he had been unable to do before.

Among the scores of touching stories and tales which animate Rabbi Porrath's essay there are several which deal with people who suffered terminal illnesses and the lessons they left behind.

One deals with an elderly lady who lingered in hospital for a lengthy period after being told she would die. But she refused to reveal this information to her children. The latter, knowing the truth about their mother's condition conspired with her in a kind of play-acting which lubricated their relationship before the mother died.

Years later one of the daughters was also stricken by a terminal illness. When Porrath visited her she recounted for him the way in which her mother's pretense had eased the family's burden and permitted it to function. Had they all faced the truth brutally, the family would have been crushed by the weight of her condition.

The daughter, herself near the point of death, told Rabbi Porrath that she too would adopt her mother's stratagem. Once again a curtain call had occurred and an influence from beyond the grave had made itself felt.

In addition to the wise stories, all eminently readable, which the rabbi provides, his essay is also full of information on the laws and lore of Judaism with regard to death and bereavement. His thoughts on the shiva as the most salutary form of therapy yet invented by man are finely chiseled gems.

A book like this dealing with such a melancholic theme might initially appear a somber reading task. It is not; there is something grand, uplifting and inspiring about Porrath's excursions into the meaning of death — and life.

Miracle Worker lifts the spirit

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

No matter how often it has been staged, since William Gibson first wrote his Broadway hit in 1959, the climactic scene of The *Miracle Worker* will eternally continue to wring tears and lift the human spirit.

It's the scene in which Helen Keller, the young deaf, mute and blind girl from Alabama, finally realizes with a burst of ecstatic comprehension that the word "water" relates to the cool liquid from the well that she is drinking.

She has been taught to make that mental link by Annie Sullivan, the 20-year-old, self-styled "ignorant, opinionated, poorhouse waif from Irish Boston," who herself had the guts and fortitude to overcome early blindness.

Both roles are portrayed with marvelous fidelity in director Richard Gleenblatt's harrowing revival of the drama playing until Feb. 9 at the Young People's Theatre.

It's a tribute to their acting skills that they can be compared favorably in the same breath with the performances that won Academy Awards for Patty Duke and Anne Bancroft in Arthur Penn's 1962 movie version.

Joanna Schellenberg, the 12-year-old daughter of actor August Schellenberg, is thoroughly believable as the blind girl who has been turned into a "tyrant with the rude manners of an unhousebroken dog" by her over-protective parents.

And Martha Burns, a graduate of the Shaw Festival, is her match as the persevering teacher intent on "imposing discipline without breaking her spirit." Obedience, she tells us in one moving scene, "is the gateway through which knowledge — yes, and love, too — enter the mind of a child."

The Alabama accents of the cast are achieved with varying success and some of the minor roles are overacted.

But despite these caveats, it's a wonderfully compelling drama. It moves fast, contains dollops of humor to relieve the tension, and is unafraid to express unabashed sentiment.

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Film examines Holocaust from unusual angle

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Irene Lilienheim Angelico is a member of a unique generation: a child of Holocaust survivors.

—Whether they like it or not, children of survivors live with terrible memories to which few people on this earth can ever be privy. They share the devastating knowledge that man is incredibly flawed, and they know that they are different because their contemporaries cannot share this with them.

Many years elapsed before Angelico was able to come to terms with the experiences her parents had as inmates of a concentration camp. The pain was too much for her to bear. But six years ago, as a result of a series of events, she decided to make a film about the Holocaust. As a filmmaker and scion of survivors, she was well positioned to do the job.

Dark Lullabies, which premiered at a Montreal film festival last August and was screened recently at Harbourfront, is Angelico's attempt to understand the Holocaust.

But it becomes quickly apparent, in her National Film Board of Canada movie, that the Holocaust defies explanation. No amount of historical, social or psychological analyses can plumb its unfathomable depths.

Unable to comprehend this void, Angelico takes another approach. She examines the impact of the Holocaust on the postwar generation of Jews and Germans.

Dark Lullabies, which is scheduled to be screened across Canada in the next couple of months, is an intensely personal film composed of Angelico's dusky ruminations and interviews she conducted with Canadian and Israeli Jews and German Christians on their home ground.

The least satisfying aspects of Dark Lullabies, which is co-directed by Abbey Jack Neidik, take place in Montreal. Aside from a highly charged conversation she has there with a German Jewish survivor, there is nothing intrinsically enlightening about this portion. And strangely enough, it suffers from a lack of emotional depth.

And one can also ask why her parents, who are so central to her story, were not interviewed on screen.

Irene Angelico

Angelico's interviews in Israel are better. She speaks to a young woman who has filled her bedroom walls with stylized drawings of the Holocaust, and who savors each moment of each day precisely because she knows how transient life can be.

At the Western Wall, she meets a perspiring old man who lost his family in the war. He cannot, he says, be happy again: The Nazis destroyed his faculty for happiness.

By far the most effective — and affecting — chapter of Dark Lullabies is played out in the Federal Republic of Germany. Angelico was reluctant to travel to Germany, but she went because she knew she had to.

With two striking exceptions, the Germans who appear in Dark Lullabies are fine, sensitive human beings who have been betrayed by their history.

A journalist tells of how he and his friends were raised in almost total ignorance of the Final Solution. In a perceptive remark, he observes how, in contrast to Jews, German youth feel estrangement from their parents and their land after they've discovered the full horror of the Holocaust.

Angelico talks with the granddaughter of an Auschwitz commandant who now wants to dissociate herself from his unforgiveable crimes. Tears well in her eyes as she accuses him of having betrayed her.

She hears from the daughter of a former Wehrmacht officer, a rigid and authoritarian personality, who has been poisoned by his corrosive ideas regarding Jews.

In two jolting interviews, she converses with a publisher who thinks that Hitler was a "great man" and that Germans have been maligned since the downfall of the Third Reich, and with a smarmy neo-Nazi who denies the existence of the Holocaust.

They are proof of the fact that not all Germans have rid themselves of their illusions and their pathological hatred of Jews.

In a final scene, Angelico goes to Dachau, where her father was incarcerated. Like many visitors, she is amazed by the sharp contrast between the essential charm of the town and the brutal visage presented by the nearby concentration camp.

Regrettably, the vignette in the camp is a trifle too self-conscious and theatrical.

Yet Dark Lullabies, which has become a mandatory film in West German high schools, is not pulled down by this fleeting bit of pretentious filmmaking.

Despite its weaknesses, Dark Lullabies is an informative documentary which occasionally is moving and always is searingly honest.

Exhibition to feature art show, Judaica

VANCOUVER —

A juried art show and a collection of Judaica are to be part of an exhibition entitled Jewish Visions — Images of Jewish Life and Culture to be held here Feb. 12-24 at Beth Israel Synagogue, 4350 Oak St.

The art show will feature contemporary art by well-known members of the local artistic community while the valuable Judaica collection will reflect the themes of Jewish life and culture. Dance, poetry and musical entertainment will also be offered.

The exhibition, sponsored by the Vancouver Centennial Commission, is being planned by the Vancouver Jewish Community Centre Shalom Gallery, Congregation Beth Israel, and the Jewish Festival of the Arts Society.

The opening will be held at 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, and the exhibition will be open from noon to 9 p.m., Monday to Thursday, noon to 3 p.m. Friday and after services on Saturday.

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Lengthy list of credentials

Thome to conduct Royal Conservatory Orchestra

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Former music advisor to Israel's national Inbal (Yemenite-folklore) dance theatre and internationally famous, contemporary music conductor Joel Thome will conduct the Royal Conservatory Orchestra in a highly recommended concert on Jan. 31 at Toronto's Church of the Redeemer, Avenue Rd. at Bloor.

While a member of the Israel Philharmonic, Thome served as associate to the Electronic Music Sound Research Centre at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He also founded and conducted the First Israel Percussion Ensemble and guest-conducted the Jerusalem Symphony.

Thome is an active composer and has received critical acclaim for his work in Israel and the U.S., Europe and India. He was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for Savitri: Traveler of the Worlds. Thome's compositions have unusual sound and performance elements incorporating traditional and electronic instruments. He has also collaborated in numerous dance theatre works.

His lengthy list of credentials in both composing and conducting spans the world. He's the founder and music director of Orchestra of Our Time, an outgrowth of his pioneering work since 1975 with the Philadelphia Composer's Forum.

Joel Thome

Original work

The Jan. 31 concert will not only feature his original work The Book of Beginning, Canto I: The Symbol Dawn, but also Kurt Weill's rarely heard Second Symphony and a modern Webern arrangement of Bach's Ricercare, From the Musical Offering, following the original Bach work.

Menuhin appearance thrills Montrealers

By HEATHER SOLOMON

MONTREAL — It was a rare opportunity to see Sir Yehudi Menuhin in the flesh and not as a televised image or a far-away figure on a concert stage.

It was also electrifying and awe-inspiring judging by the reaction of the audience that filled the 144 seats, flowed up flanking stairways and stood in any remaining room in the Place des Arts' Piano nobile lobby recently.

The slender violin virtuoso was recently featured in a musical dialogue, or "musialogue," hosted by Prof. Maryvonne Kendergi and the Montreal Symphony Orchestra's managing director Zarin Mehta, and offered to the public as an adjunct to the previous night's concert.

By all opinions, that concert had been as fresh as the 1806 debut of Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D, opus 61 or as fresh as Menuhin's first appearance in Montreal as a child prodigy of 12 in 1928.

He has become not only a purveyor of superb music but a humanitarian and peacemaker. As the elected president of a UNESCO conference on music over a decade ago, Menuhin said that delegates from all over the world were convened and, as artists, put themselves "above" the volatile conduct of political delegates.

"I invited in those delegates who were at war with one another and told them if they wanted to exploit this conference for political ends, they may as well leave. The end result was I was able to have Egyptians, Israelis, Syrians and Iraqis getting along but," he continued sadly, "I don't think it would be possible to have that success at the present.

"The thing is to admit we are all made of the same material, admit that we all have some bad in us but work toward the good."

Mehta buoyed the virtuoso's spirits when he rejoined, "It's a rather emotional experience to have Menuhin be with us today. We met in 1952 in Bombay," he recalled, turning toward him, "when you came for one month to India to do benefit concerts for the victims of a flood at the invitation of our Prime Minister Nehru."

He remembers his own first teacher Louis Persinger who was first violin of the San Francisco Orchestra and inspired him as a child to "serve the violin and music." In a continuing effort to build musical bridges between nations, some of his proteges are from China.

American-born Menuhin came by his title of knighthood from Queen Elizabeth's 1966 decision to bestow it upon the musician honorarily but, since he took British citizenship, the full title is his to use. Countless other international honors are as varied as the Gold Medal of the city of Jerusalem, membership in the Society for the History of Czechoslovak Jews and honorary vice-president of the Israel Bach Society.

For further information call 978-3771.

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Yigal Bashan, original singer of Nurit Hirsch's famous Oseh Shalom and one of Israel's most innovative and versatile performers, appears at Northview Heights Secondary School, Bathurst and Finch, on Feb. 2 in a musical revue entitled Kmo Tzaoni (Like a Gypsy).

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It is extremely saddening to announce the passing of of one of the world's leading interpreters of Judeo-Spanish folk ballads from the classical-Renaissance era, Claire Abbou. This Tangier-born, Toronto-based songstress who performed with an elegant Spanish flair succumbed to a brain tumor while in the prime of her vocal abilities.

The Canadian Sephardic Federation will present a memorial program to Abbou in March. Details will follow in successive weeks.

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Soviet Jewish emigre pianist Gregory Haimovsky will perform at Walter Hall (Edward Johnson building) Feb. 1 at 8 p.m. and at Royal Conservatory Concert Hall Feb. 6 also at 8 p.m.

Haimovsky graduated from Moscow's Tchaikovsky Conservatory in 1950. However, in the following years of Stalin repression he was banned from participating in any major concerts and banished from Moscow to a remote area for 16 years.

When he returned to Moscow in 1966 he joined the mainstream of musical life and won recognition as a pianist with a rare personality and an outstanding musical writer. He devised the Stanislavsky method-learning system for musical interpretation.

Besides performing with leading Moscow orchestras, he was particularly well known for his many performances of French composers from Debussy to Oliver Messaien. He introduced into Russia the music of Messaien, France's leading composer today.

Haimovsky emigrated to Israel in 1972, where he joined the staff of the Rubin Academy of Music. He is now artistic director of the New York-based classical record company Poesia, and maintains an active performing schedule throughout the U.S., Europe and Israel where he consistently earns rave reviews for his specialty: the piano music of 20th century France.

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From mats to mutts

Former wrestler's whole life "was a highlight"

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Ask Abe Zvonkin to recall some of the highlights of his career and for a moment he looks baffled. Then he grins: "My whole life's been a highlight!"

At 75 he's still big and burly and though you can recognize the wrestler he once was (including the cauliflower ears), it's harder to connect the gentle face and twinkling eyes to the fiercely mustachioed, bald-headed Mad Russian of his old promo pictures.

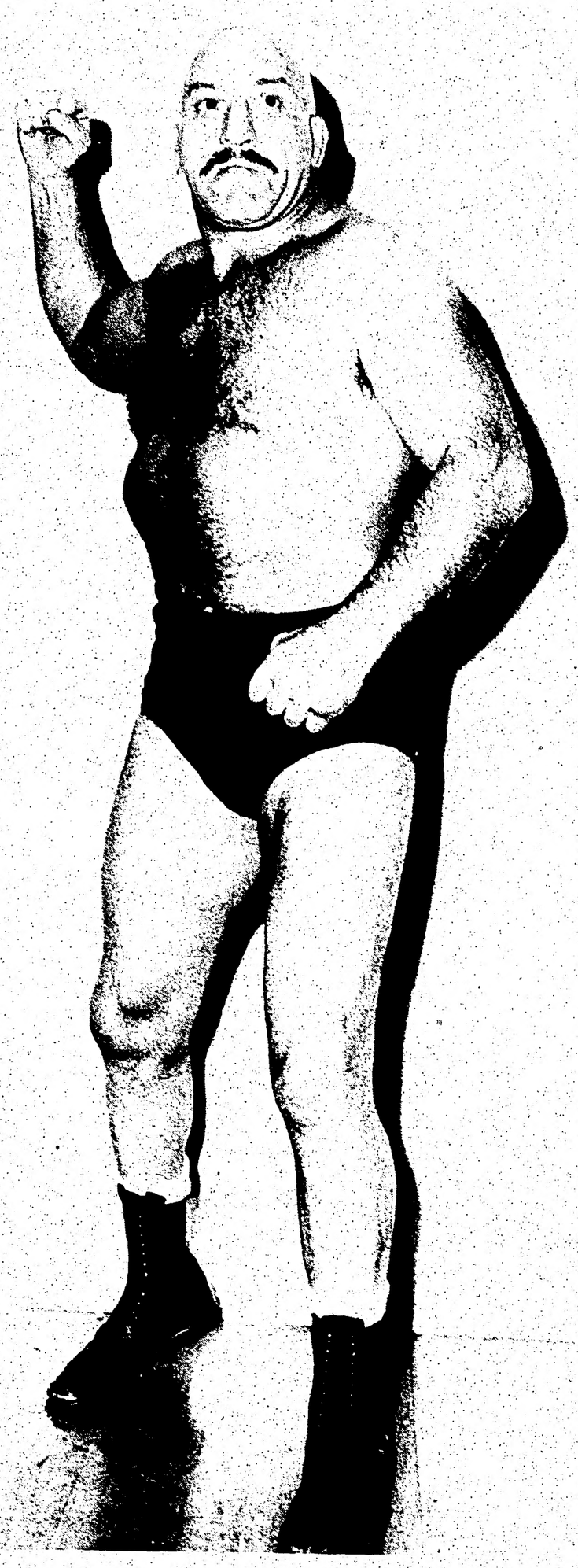
Today Zvonkin lives quietly with Jean, his wife of 55 years, in the house he built on the beach strip in 1941, with their two elderly white poodles and a tiny, equally elderly Yorkshire Terrier named Seymour. There are the memories of his wrestling days and the "boxes full of trophies and stuff" for the dogs he and Jean have bred and shown.

"I did what I wanted and wasn't one to worry about what someone else thought," he says cheerfully.

"Ours was not the life of the typical Jewish family," adds Jean.

The interest in wrestling and weightlifting — he won the Canadian weightlifting championship in 1939 — began when he joined the Y to keep in shape for football.

From public school on he'd excelled in sports. In high school it was football and track and field. He won several Canadian championships and was a member of the Canadian team at the first British Empire Games, held in Hamilton in 1930.



Abe Zvoknkin in his younger days as the Mad Russian.

He played with the Hamilton Tigers, forerunners of the Tiger Cats and amateurs then, and won partial football scholarships, first to Notre Dame and then to Queens.

When "things were a bit tough" during the 30s, Zvonkin began wrestling semi-professionally "to pick up a few dollars" and after working in a defence plant during the war, got himself a promoter in Toronto and soon, after, took off for his first match in Atlanta, Ga.

They bought a trailer and with their three children and seven dogs — "dachshunds, because they didn't take up too much room" — began travelling all over the States, working schedules around the children's schooling and spending summers "at home with ma," who's still fit and well at 102, living in California near another son and daughter.

The first time his father went to see him in a wrestling match, he walked out, recalls Zvonkin. "But ma finally accepted it. What else could they do?"

But his taste for showbusiness might well have come from his father, an immigrant from Bobruisk, Russia, who'd studied opera and sung with the New York opera chorus. "But ma put a stop to all that travelling" and when Abe was two, they left New York for Hamilton, where they opened a drygoods store.

He grew up in the tough Barton St. E. neighborhhod among Polish, Italian, Jewish and other immigrants. His mother was a devoted member of the Jewish National Workers Alliance and "a great worker for Israel."

Abe Zvonkin today.

Billed under a string of names he can no longer recall, sometimes teamed with others as The Purple Heart Brothers or as Gino and Tony, Zvonkin wrestled all over the continent, in Cuba, Hawaii and even Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

Later, the JCC wanted him to take on the athletic program, he says but that would have been "too constricting. I couldn't picture myself being stuck in one place 12 hours a day."

Meanwhile Jean's fondness for dogs had turned to an interest in training, then breeding and showing and by 1960, when he retired from the ring, the dogs had taken over, even though Zvonkin still spent several years refereeing in wrestling.

Today Zvonkin "is into judging (dogs). It gives me something to do, otherwise I'd be watching the idiot box," and it still takes him around the country from Newfoundland to the West.

Content, he looks about his cosy living room. "Here we are and here we'll be," he says, puttering in the backyard, where they grow "more stuff than we can use," caring for their remaining dogs and delighting in a growing family of five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mother still alive

Dave Edge-d out in marathon

TORONTO —
Long-distance runner Dave Edge of Toronto finished a close second in the Houston Marathon recently.

Edge was out-sprinted in the final 320 metres by Paul Cummings, a member of the 1984 U.S. Olympic 10,000-metre team, who took first place with a winning time of 2 hours, 11 minutes and 31 seconds.

Edge, who clocked 2:11:39, and Cummings surged past fading defending champion Marty Froelick of the U.S. in the 35th kilometre of the 42.195-km race and ran in a dead heat until the final metres.

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Wonderful World of Travel

"Giant promotion push"

Israel predicts bumper year for holidays in Holy Land

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Despite the recent scare headlines about terrorist attacks, Abraham Drori, Israel's director of tourism for Canada, remains supremely confident that 1986 will be a bumper year for holidaying in the Holy Land.

He predicts that tourism will reach a record of 50,000 to 55,000 — well up from the total of 43,000 Canadians who traveled to Israel in 1985 and 35,000 in 1984.

In an interview with The CJN last week, he gave two reasons for his gungho optimism:

• One is the "giant promotion push" his department has mapped out as thoroughly as a military campaign in conjunction with the recently hired firm of Melaine Design & Promotion Inc., the Toronto-based specialists in tourism promotion.

• The other is the launching by El Al of its new direct flights from Toronto to Tel Aviv, tentatively scheduled to begin on March 31.

Nacum Kara, El Al's district manager for Ontario and Western Canada, verified that if all goes according to plan, the Toronto flights would depart twice a week — at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 2 p.m. each Wednesday.

The cost of the initial return flights for Toronto passengers from April 1 to June 12 has been set at $1,199.

In an equally jubilant mood, Kara expected Toronto's Israel-bound traffic to increase by 15% to 20% this year and from Western Canada to be beefed up by 25%.

Strange as it may seem, said Kara, the terrorist attacks on the airports at Rome and Vienna had the reverse effect of increasing El Al's air traffic.

"A good many travelers switched their flight bookings from other airlines to El Al because of our reputation for taking super-safe security precautions," he said.

As an example of the faith they have in El Al, he described what happened at the two European airports immediately after each had been attacked.

"In Vienna, only two of the 84 passengers booked on El Al cancelled out," he said, "and in Rome, 100 of the 110 passengers booked continued to take the flight quite unruffled by the fuss."

He said that since that period of unrest, the traffic figures showed that a significant number of tourists were not interested in stopovers in Europe. Instead, they preferred to fly directly to Israel via El Al.

Drori said he was confident that an increasing number of Canadians this year would accept the invitation of his department's highly promoted slogan: "Come to Israel, come stay with friends."

He expected them to come flocking as a result of his "giant promotion push" of events scheduled to be launched beginning in March.

A series of 30 seminars will begin then at churches and synagogues throughout Canada. Films will be shown designed to encourage clergymen and their congregations of all faiths to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

More than 20 workshops are also scheduled to begin then, designed to educate the mainstream of the Canadian travel industry which is not selling Israel as a holiday destination as vigorously as it could.

"We have no trouble with the Jewish travel agencies which for years have done a fine job of promoting tours to Israel," says Susan Melnyk, president of Melaine Design & Promotion Inc.

"But quite a few of the non-Jewish agencies are unfamiliar with Israel and don't have the information that would enable them to sell it properly to their clients."

She aims to fill that gap with a glossy, 8-page, tabloid-sized newsletter that will begin in February as a quarterly and will ultimately be published as a monthly.

In addition, Melnyk is planning to fly about 20 journalists to Israel in March on a press junket designed to enlighten their readers about the delights of holidaying in sunny Israel on the beaches of the Mediterranean.

Moreover, she is organizing full-scale promotion campaigns targeted toward at least three specific markets.

• The youth market, she believes, is ripe for promotional exploitation.

"Canada's upwardly mobile young professionals — the Yuppies — can afford to travel," she says. "And a lot of college students are interested in finding their religious roots in Israel."

• Holidayers on a health kick are next on her list.

She is setting up special forums for vacationers who might be attracted to the health spas and solarium clinics on the shores of the Dead Sea, which help victims suffering from arthritis and skin diseases.

And scuba-diving and water sport fans will find alluring the first International Underwater Expo expected to be staged in Israel in 1988, probably at Eilat.

• Finally, she is gearing promotions for the untapped market of people with a special interest in food.

Special tours, as well as a newly-published agricultural directory, will lure those interested in visiting dairy or fish farms; kibbutzim of all sorts; organizations involved with Israel's "green revolution" that irrigated the desert; or "foodies" intent on noshing their way around Israel's vegetarian restaurants.

Many of these visitors may want to time their trip with Agri-Tech, the annual farm trade fair to be held in Tel Aviv in September.

In September, too, Drori is planning to stage entertaining "Israel Nights" across Canada.

"At this point in the planning, I can only reveal that we're bringing in Israeli folksingers and folkdancers and entertaining Israeli films," says Drori.

Organizations interested in film presentations and lectures on the delights of touring Israel are invited by Drori to phone him at (416) 964-3784.

A common but emotionally-moving sight in Jerusalem — a bar mitzvah at the Western Wall. They come from all over the world for such joyous occasions.

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Towards the sea lies Pescia, with its fine medieval and Rennaisance architecture, it is closed within its 16th century walls, now a treed walk 2½ miles long and 40 feet high overlooking the roofs of the city and the beautiful countryside.

Between Lucca and Pisa rises Monte Pisano, with the Charterhouse of Calci, the woods, the vast olive groves, the gentle peace of the classical Tuscan landscape.

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The airline announced recently at a press conference that its decision to launch Executive Class was a result of two years of research into what business travelers want most from air travel.

Air Canada rejected suggestions like on-board saunas but will also feature special menus (kosher meals are available from Peter Graben caterers), advance reservation service and a 2-minute maximum check-in time.

As well, Air Canada says it is the first airline to offer on-board telephones for business people.

Jeanniot added that plans are under way to extend Executive Class to more cities in North America.

Executive Class travelers pay a surcharge over the full economy fare. Surcharges range from $11 on the Toronto-Halifax route to $29 on the Halifax-Vancouver route.

Travel

Endless list of places to go

Honeymooners can't wait to get away

By
JEFF ROSEN

While people journey to destinations around the world for a multitude of reasons, perhaps the most common of them all is the wedding honeymoon.

"It's almost embedded in our system," says Rocky Racco, owner of Dufferin Travel Service, 1691 Dufferin St. (654-9787) "Ninety-five percent of all honeymooners travel."

Racco, whose agency offers honeymooners 5% to 10% off holiday packages, says couples should begin making their travel plans around six months prior to their wedding.

While most newlyweds leave for their honeymoon shortly after the wedding, Racco says those wed during the summer sometimes delay their departure until winter sets in before heading to warmer climes.

Once they do leave, Racco says there is almost an endless list of where to go and things to do, largely depending on a couple's budget, their interests and how much time they have.

Racco says that among the Carribean hotspots, the Dominican Republic and Venezuela are popular honeymoon destinations because of their economic value. He says the Dominican Republic is currently undergoing a massive development program with a lot of new hotels going up.

Jamaica is also a popular sun spot with honeymooners, Racco says, with its all-inclusive packages to resorts such as Jamaica, Jamaica, Jack Tar Villages, Couples and Hedonism.

These packages cover accommodations, meals, drinks and activities.

Racco says that while the Bahamas dollar is based on the U.S. dollar and may make travel there more expensive, it still has a lot to offer newlyweds with its magnificent beaches and casinos.

He confirmed that the U.S. dollar has affected honeymoon vacations to Hawaii, which he says is typically a honeymoon destination. At the same time, he says California has become a popular getaway, as a result of the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

Racco says the west coast state is an excellent destination to pick up a fly-drive package and travel along the coastal highway.

These packages are also popular in such European locales such as Portugal, where a couple can take in the small towns scattered along the seaside.

"I recommend it to those who like to explore on their own," Racco says.

For those hoping to jet to Europe for their honeymoon, but can't get away for more than two weeks, Racco says Spain works well. He says that with a coach tour, couples can visit different cities the first week and spend the second relaxing on the beach.

Racco says good bargains can be found when heading to Europe, as the Canadian dollar is holding well in relation to European currency.

Another alternative to enormous U.S. currency exchange rates is to honeymoon in Canada, Racco says.

Expo 86 in Vancouver is a popular destination this year and those getaway packages in Ontario allow couples to travel at a reasonable price.

The latter take couples to Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City by rail.

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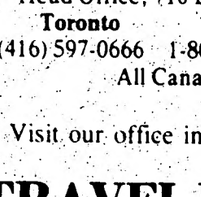

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Travel

Nassau offers charm, history and beautiful weather

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

NASSAU —

There is always a cruise ship in port here, the capital of the 700-island group known as the Bahamas. The day this travel reporter arrived, ours was the fourth of the white cruise ships to dock for the day — then head for another Caribbean destination.

As the hundreds of vacationers trooped down the gangway from their ship, they were stopped at the bottom step to have their pictures taken by the ship's enterprising photographer. Later the photo was displayed on one of the enclosed decks and could be purchased as a souvenir of the trip. Few were left on the ship, I learned when picking up our photo.

Nassau's main downtown waterfront thoroughfare is Bay St. — not like Toronto's Bay St. lined with highrise office buildings — but a street where for at least half a mile one shop after another is geared to the tourist trade — duty-free liquor, watches, jewelry from costume design to solid gold, camera shops, dress shops, perfume bars, taverns and dining spots.

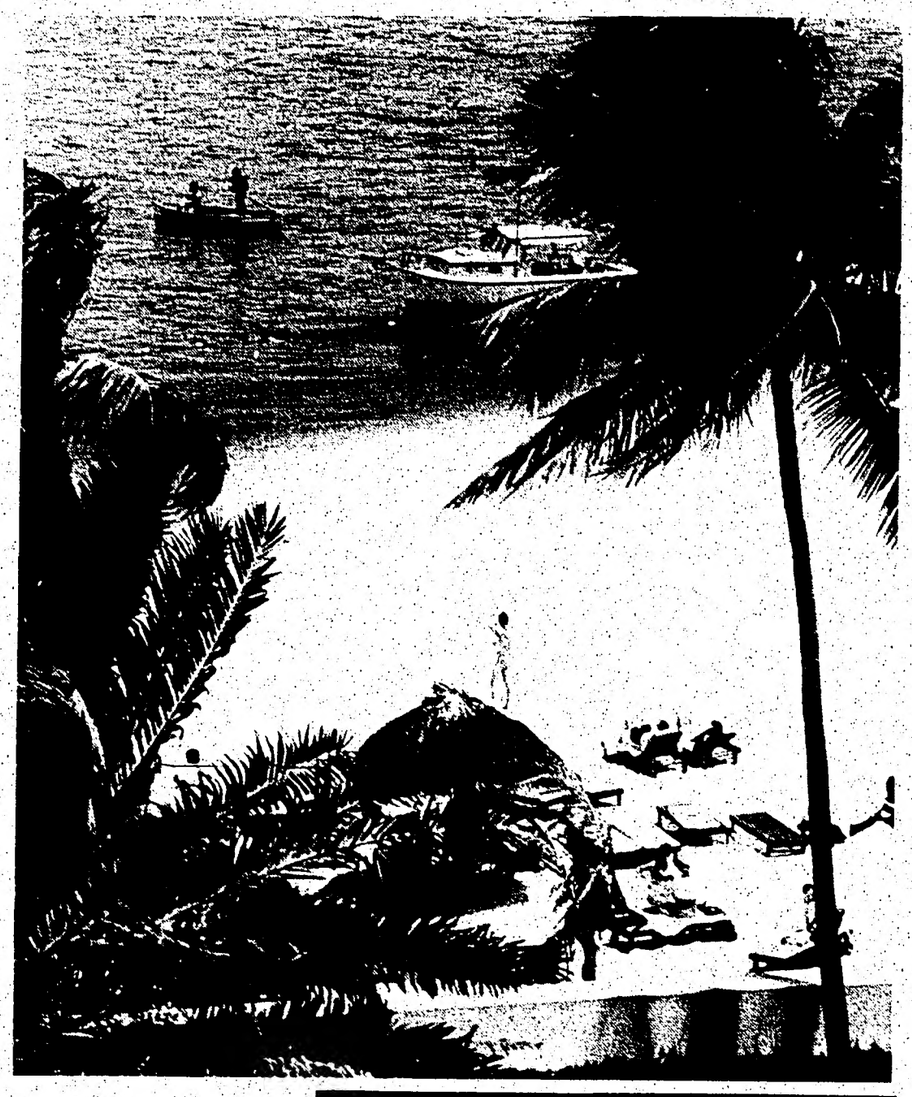
The sidewalks were clogged with camera-toting people in summer clothing for even in January the temperature was close to 80F (26C). Four cruise ships meant about 2,500 visitors for the day. The sun was shining and everyone was holiday-bent.

The waterfront had its attractions as well — boats for cruises to some of the islands, trips to adjacent Paradise Island where some of the most expensive hotels are located, tours in glass-bottomed boats to see coral formations off shore, trips for scuba divers and snorkelers and those who wanted to try the new sport of walking on the sea bottom with an oxygen-equipped helmet.

Just a few blocks away from Bay St. you saw no tourists, only local citizens going about their business. I was interested in seeing some of the historic sites and wandered uptown to see the white-painted legislature with Queen Victoria's monument, to see the nearby police and defence headquarter buildings, the modern post office up a slight hill, and a bit further along, the modern hospital. Along Elizabeth Ave. there were more historic sights.

This street ends at the bottom of the highest hill on the island. A sheer wall of rock bars the way to the top where Fort Fincastle has stood guard since 1793. To reach the fort slaves cut 66 steps into the solid black rock, now known as the Queen's Staircase. Alongside is a waterfall, which can be regulated and is often without its cascade of water.

At the top of the cliff besides the fort is the water-tower for Nassau, and from its top there is a fine view of much of Providence Island on which the city is located, as well as Paradise Island, once known as Hog Island. All around Providence Island are fine sand beaches — the main attraction for visitors who come for more than a day.



One of the fine sand beaches on New Providence Island in the Bahamas.

A few blocks away is white-painted Government House where the Governor-General lives, and there is a statue of Christopher Columbus near its entrance, for this island is one of the first sighted by the explorer almost 500 years ago.

Unexpectedly we came across a fashion boutique at Elizabeth Ave. and Madeira St., Carla's, where fashionable large fine straw hats are custom-made for upper- and middle-income local ladies. Some even find their way to the fashionable horse races at Ascot in England. Manager Keith Albury, whose family makes the hats, told me that everyone is assured no duplicate hat will be sold in the same island, that the hats are made of imported Swiss straw, and that the prime minister's wife purchases her large hats at his store.

He said Princess Diana is largely responsible for the current demand for fashionable hats.

For vacationers with the time, there is good sailing, sport fishing, beach sports, golf, tennis and swimming on New Providence. Such specialties as flying and para-sailing are increasing, with some 50 flying fields for small planes in the island group.

The cruise ship also stopped for half a day at Freeport on Grand Bahama Island, where Freeport was developed about 35 years ago as an industrial and resort community.

Major attraction for the cruise ship visitor are the fine boutiques in the International Bazaar and the casinos at the luxury resort hotels. Freeport is also becoming a retirement colony where the flat landscape with its glistening white beaches and even summer temperatures has a growing number of private residences and condominium apartments.

One of the interesting sidelights of a stay for even a day at either island is to see the casinos for roulette, blackjack, craps and other games, as well as slot machines in operation during daylight hours, and even well attended most of the day.

(There is only a small Jewish population at both New Providence and Grand Bahama islands. Nassau has a small synagogue above a store on Market St. off Bay St., and there is a Reform Luis Torres Synagogue at Freeport.)

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Travel

Scopus Travel Group boon to BB members

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —
B'nai B'rith members across Canada can see the world together on a series of tours announced recently by the newly-formed Scopus Travel Group.

Coordinated nationally by Corson Travel, a Toronto agency, the group has participating agents in Halifax, Ottawa, Montreal, Hamilton, Calgary, Vancouver and Winnipeg.

By contacting the nearest Scopus Group participant, BB members can book reservations for tours to Israel (a total of five during 1986), London, Expo '86 in Vancouver, Las Vegas (for the B'nai B'rith International convention), or the Orient.

A spa holiday and two southern cruises slated for the winter of 1986-87 complete the schedule.

Rates (based on double occupancy) range from $599 for the 4-day Las Vegas trip to $3059 for the 2-week tour of the Orient.

The cruises offer a wide range of accommodations, with prices to match, but the 1-week Caribbean cruise departing just after New Year's Day 1987 offers a real bargain — Canadian dollars will be accepted at par.

Scopus Travel Group is the brainchild of Corson chairman Ron Oelbaum and president Ron Fein.

"For years," Fein said at a reception at the Inn on the Park launching the program, "we've been serving national Jewish organizations from Toronto.

"By appointing Jewish agencies across Canada to the group, we felt we could do a better job of travel counseling by providing local service."

Oelbaum, a long-time active member of B'nai B'rith, told BB lodge presidents in attendance that the program emphasizes travel to Israel because the Scopus Travel Group is committed to supporting "Operation Independence."

A key factor in making Israel independent of funds from abroad is the foreign currency provided by the tourist industry, Oelbaum explained.

Singles tour

In addition to the B'nai B'rith leadership mission to Israel in February, Scopus Travel Group Israel's tours include a "tour of the month" and a Jewish singles tour with a 3-night stopover in Paris, both in May; a family bar and bat mitzvah tour in August; and a family school holiday tour from Dec. 23, 1986 to Jan. 5, 1987.

Toronto El Al representative Nahum Kara and Abraham Drori of the Israel Government Tourist Office attended the reception, together with Air Canada representative Ross Coulter.

Drori said that the B'nai B'rith/Scopus Travel program would be "valuable and very important" in helping him achieve his goal of closing the gap between Jewish and non-Jewish tourism from Canada to Israel.

At present, 60 to 70% of Canadian tourists to Israel are non-Jewish. "I'd like to see Jewish Canadians bring that ratio up to 50-50," Drori said.

Jewish tourism to Israel is important for reasons other than economic, Drori said. "We have to set an example to the rest of the world. A tourist is the best ambassador Israel can have."

For B'nai B'rith members, there will be the fun of traveling with others who share their interests, BB national president Harry Bick said.

On the B'nai B'rith side, the program is under the chairmanship of Marc Lampert, president of Toronto Freedom Lodge.

The program is open to members of B'nai B'rith Canada, B'nai B'rith Women, BBYO, Hillel and their immediate families.

Other benefits available to BB members include discounts on selected charter flights, "late-bird" travel information at no charge, and early notification about special travel packages.

Participating agencies are: Canplan Travel Services Limited, Halifax; Excel Travel, Montreal; Executive Travel, Ottawa; Corson Travel Service, Toronto.

Also Regency Travel Consultants, Hamilton; Witman Travel (1984) Ltd., Winnipeg; Sherman Travel Ltd., Calgary; Smith Travel Centre Ltd., Vancouver.

Participants in the launching of the B'nai B'rith travel program include (left to right) Frank Dimant, BB executive vice-president, Ron Oelbaum, Marc Lambert, Harry Bick and Ron Fein.

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Travel

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Miami mansion an introduction to European castles

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

MIAMI —

One needs time to see all the attractions available in the Greater Miami area. So on my recent trip this travel reporter finally got around to seeing Vizcaya, the 70-room mansion built by farm machinery industrialist James Deering from 1914 to 1916.

To anyone who has never been to Europe, a visit to Viscaya is an introduction to the castles and palaces to be seen in much of Europe. There is something from many parts of Europe here — fine period funiture, textiles, sculpture and architecture from the 15th to the 19th century. It gives the impression of a great country estate which has been continuously occupied and redecorated over 400 years. More than a thousand people were involved in its construction.

James Deering died a bachelor in 1925 at 65 years, and his heirs sold the estate with its formal gardens to Dade County, which includes Miami, in 1952.

The rooms are built around a central courtyard. The ground floor has a library, music room, banquet hall, tea room, entrance loggia, reception room, while the second floor has a breakfast room, sitting room and a number of bedrooms, each with its own period furniture. The formal gardens contain a small theatre while along the seawall is a great stone barge. The gardens contain statutes and fountains.

There are various land and water tour trips to Viscaya. For those who come on their own, entrance fee is $5 for adults, $3.50 for seniors and children. It is open daily from 9.30 to 5 p.m.

They train Jai a-lai players at Miami from childhood. The game is considered the world's fastest sport. It originates from the Spanish Basque game of peloto, and is played with a specially constructed wicker handcrafted basket with handhold and a baseball-size hardball which is hurled so fast as to break even bulletproof glass.

Players wear heavy helmets for protection. While they used to come mainly from Spain and the Basque country, today many are U.S.-born. Youngsters are trained from 11 to 14 years, can start as professionals at age 16, though the average age today is 26 years. Few play after 36th birthday.

Incentives to play include salaries from $60,000 to $100,000 a year plus bonus for winning teams. Betting is by teams, and is one of the main attractions to the sport.

There is a Miami Jai a-lai Fronton at 3500 N.W. 37th Ave. and one near Fort Lauderdale, Dania Jai a-lai.

If you like fishing, more than 600 varieties of fresh and salt water fish can be found in the Miami area. Charter boats are available at Haulover Marina for big game fishing in the Gulf Stream or bottom fishing on the ocean reefs. Fishing piers are located at various spots in the Miami area, and boat rental firms at most marinas, of which there are many.

Sightseeing boats can be found at many spots in the region for tours of Biscayne Bay, up the canals and rivers which make up the Miami Beach area, past palatial estates on man-made islands, Indian villages, and tropical jungles.

Similarly there are bus tours of various parts of the region including communities of Coral Gables, Hialeah and Coconut Grove. In the latter community there are motorized trams for sightseeing tours, and major shopping malls with famous stores.

On the recently opened section of the Rickenbacker Causeway linking Miami and Miami Beach, the newest restaurant is Horatio's, 3301 Rickenbacker Causeway. This dining spot has a waterview all around where you can watch water skiers, windsurfers as well as yachts go by. It is open daily except Mondays for lunch, dinner.

Seminole Indian villages can be found along the numerous approaches to Miami, with Indians displaying their skills in arts and crafts and alligator wrestling. The largest of these villages is on U.S. Highway 441, just north of Hollywood.

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Travel

Fort Lauderdale carves niche as cruise ship launch

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. —

This deepwater port just a few miles north of Miami is rapidly becoming an important location for short Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean cruises. This year an increasing number of 3-, 4- and 7-day cruises depart and return here. Facilities have been arranged for minimum of formalities for departure, with passengers able to board several hours before departure time.

The formalities consist mainly of filling in United States customs forms, with special sections for non-U.S. citizens. On leaving ship at end of the cruise Canadians and other non-U.S. passengers have to go through an immigration check against the cards filled out at the beginning of the trip. The ship cannot be cleared for debarkation till every passenger has been checked off.

The typical day on our cruise ship, Carnival Line's Mardi Gras, the one-time Canadian Pacific's Empress of Canada, starts at 6.30 a.m. for early risers with coffee on an upper deck. Breakfasts start at 7 o'clock and last to 9 a.m., with two sittings for the more than 700 passengers on this 4-day cruise to Freeport and Nassau in the Bahama Islands.

For a full day at sea deck sports start as early as 9.30 a.m., followed by tours of the bridge from which the captain and officers steer the ship. You don't stop eating, as at 10 a.m. there was coffee, tea and rolls. Deck horse racing, without real horses, of course, is from 10 to 11 a.m., followed by a golf driving contest.

The first sitting for lunch at noon is followed by opening of the gambling casino where you play blackjack, craps, roulette and other games, or try your hand at trap shooting on the upper deck. There is an ice carving contest, where one of the crew chops up a huge chunk of ice to resemble an animal, bird or human figure.

The second lunch shift is at 1.30 p.m.

You can enjoy the sun on the deck stretched out on a comfortable deck chair, listen to calypso music by a live group of musicians, or go to the cinema to watch a recent movie, or take an exercise class in the ship's gymnasium.

If you are not happy with these suggestions, there was a male nightgown competition and a bingo game for an hour, followed by auditions for a talent show, which came on at 4 p.m. Afternoon tea was served at that time as well.

Another movie was shown at 4.30 p.m. At 5 there was a cocktail piano music in one of the lounges. Then began the two dinner sittings, another movie at 8 p.m., with dance music until 9.

While an evening bingo session was on, in another lounge there was musical entertainment. The disco opened at 10 p.m., a variety show started at 10.30 as well as another movie.

From midnight there was a comedian to entertain, a midnight buffet was served and for the real nighthawks a mini-buffet was available from 1.30 to 2.30 a.m.

On days when the ship stopped at Freeport and Nassau there were shore excursions on your own or arranged by local tour operators.

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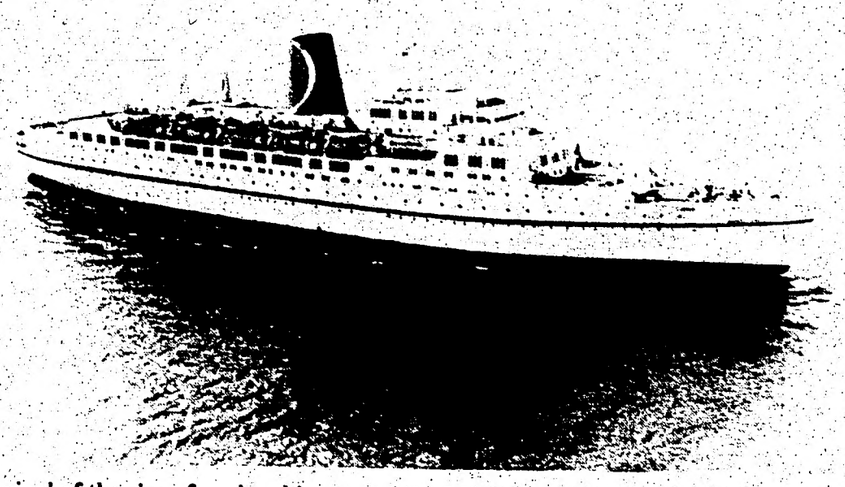
Fort Lauderdale and the Port of Miami can now handle about 16 cruise ships a day, most for 7-day trips to the Caribbean islands, Mexico and top of South America. There are also now one day SeaEscape cruises from Miami to Grand Bahama and back to give you a taste of the pleasure of cruising.

There is no doubt about it, that one of the major activities is eating — and all you want at no extra cost. Drinks are reasonable priced and most ships now have not only casinos but also batteries of slot machines.



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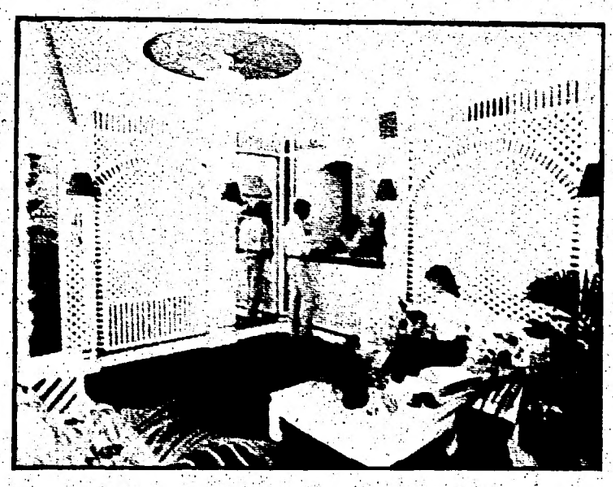

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A promenade, bridge, park part of Miami's renovation

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

MIAMI —

Stretching between 21st and 46th Streets on Miami Beach is the newly-dedicated promenade, a wooden boardwalk which will eventually extend the entire length of Miami Beach.

At its narrowest point the walk is 12 feet wide and becomes 24 feet wide at a number of pavilions. A 45-foot wide beachfront park will surround the boardwalk, on one side of which will be hotels and apartment buildings and on the ocean side the recently enlarged wide white glistening sand beach open to everyone.

Part of the Rickenbacker Causeway linking the mainland with Miami Beach has been replaced with a new toll-fee Biscayne Key Bridge, opened on Jan. 6, just a few days before this travel reporter crossed it en route to the beach region. The old bridge which used to open for ships, and so impede motor traffic, will be used as a permanent fishing pier. The new bridge leads high over the water so ships can pass underneath.

A new South Pointe Park was opened recently at the south end of Miami Beach. The 18-acre facility has an amphitheatre, special events area, jetty promenades, observation towers, a sand dune and other attractions.

The Miami Beach Marine has been expanded to 400 wet slips, capable of catering to yachts of over 100 feet in length. There are also 264 new dry storage spaces for smaller boats. Facilities for yachtsmen also include steps for nautical merchandise, restaurants and a new breakwater.

Those who come to Miami this winter will likely be able to use the new Metromover elevated automatic transportation system between the downtown office and hotel highrise buildings. The first two miles built at a cost of $145 million, will be opened late this winter or early spring.

But the new Metrorail elevated rapid transit system is fully operational linking 20 stations along a 21-mile route from Kendall to Hialeah. It may eventually be linked to the Miami International Airport.

There are new hotels and apartment buildings throughout Miami, a few in the Miami Beach area.

One of the newest in downtown Miami is the Pavillon on Chopin Plaza on the Biscayne Bay waterfront. From my 17th floor room I had a magnificent view of the activities at the Port of Miami where cruise ships anchored, and dredging operations in the Bay. In the distance the bridges and highrises at Miami Beach could be seen.

The hotel, just added to the International Hotel chain, has 31 floors, fine dining places and a gourmet food market. Its lobby is huge featuring a 70-ton, 18-foot high Henry Moore marble sculpture entitled The Spindle.

The well known Fontainebleau-Hilton Hotel on Miami Beach, which has been expanding in recent years and has newly restored rock gardens and pool, is being enlarged further. Below the street entrance floor there are boutiques selling a wide range of products and such gourmet items as imported Belgian chocolates.

Those who plan to be in Miami before March 9 will have a chance to see an exhibition of more than 150 paintings, ceramics and drawings by Pablo Picasso at the Miami Centre For The Fine Arts, 101 West Flagler St.

The exhibition is not the same as the one which was in Montreal recently. This one is from his daughter's collection and is entitled Picasso At Work At Home. The show is open daily, except Monday, from 10 a.m., with tickets $3.50 for adults, $2.50 for children 6 to 12 years, and groups at special rates.

Coming this year will be an exhibition of new Italian art from Feb. 2 to March 16; a Bauhaus architectural show from March 30 to May 18, and an exhibition of 300 years of German painting at the same time; Post-Impressionism Art in North America from May 31 to Aug. 31, along with colonial painting from Bolivia and Peru; and a showing of Hollywood, Legend and Reality from Nov. 29 to Feb. 15, 1987.

The gallery does not have a permanent collection of its own.

The new Pavillon Hotel on Chopin Plaza on Biscayne Bay in downtown Miami.

Kosher Jamaica offers a choice

By
DAVID PIERSON

In the past if one wanted to escape winter's miseries for some sun and fun and still eat kosher meals Florida was the only choice.

After all, your average native chef in the Caribbean just wasn't schooled in the fine art of kosher cooking.

But this unfortunate circumstance is slowly changing as Tic Toc Tours now offers a tour package called Kosher Jamaica which offers a stay at the luxurious Trident Hotel Villa whose kitchen is totally kosher.

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Travel

Too much happening in NY to get winter blues

By
ROSE KLEINER

NEW YORK —

New play openings, concerts and art exhibits are all part of the New York winter scene. The city's many kosher restaurants and upgraded accommodations make it a place where there is no time for winter blues.

Two new plays of Jewish interest have just opened in Manhattan. Israel Horovitz's comedy, Today I Am A Fountain Pen, is having its world premiere at the American Jewish Theater (427-6000). The play is based on material from Morley Torgov's book, A Good Place To Come From.

A new musical, The Shop On Main Street, has opened at the Jewish Repertory Theater (674-7200). Inspired by Ladislav Grosman's novel, the play is set in Hitler's puppet state of Slovakia in 1942.

Although A Match Made In Heaven is not listed in the New York Magazine's Goings On About Town column, this Yiddish play is well worth seeing. A love story about a miller's daughter and the rebbe, the play has onstage English titles.

While in New York don't miss Judd Hirsh in I'm Not Rappaport. Other plays to choose from are Broom Street America, at the Folksbiene Playhouse (755-2231), which is in Yiddish with English synopsis, The Golden Land at the Second Avenue Theater (686-7610), and Yours Anne at Playhouse 91 (831-2000).

There are still lineups to see the 9-hour film, Shoah at Cinema Studio (877-4040).

The Metropolitan Opera season (362-6000) starts off on Feb. 26 with Handel's Samson. Other scheduled operas are Verdi's Falstaff, Aida, and Don Carlo, as well as Bizet's Carmen and R. Strauss' Der Rosenkavalier. Performances alternate through March.

On the musical scene there are a number of fine concerts coming up at Carnegie Hall (247-7800). Ivo Pogorelich's only New York recital will be on Feb. 21. Daniel Barenboim will be playing Beethoven both on Feb. 28 and March 14.

There is now a kosher restaurant directly across Carnegie Hall, Verve Naturelle (265-2255). It serves "California vegetarian cuisine" and offers dinner by candlelight. The atmosphere there is casual and relaxed.

A number of other kosher establishment are worthy of note. In New York City you have the glatt kosher restaurant, Cafe Masada (988-0950) at 1239 First Ave. and 67th St. The Marrakesh West (777-8911) is at 149 Bleecker St. It serves Moroccan cuisine. During dinner time there is live entertainment, and there is no cover charge.

Jerusalem 2 is a great stop for pizza or falafel. Evenings there is entertainment upstairs, from Wednesday through Sundays. Special guest performances, and regulars such as Sandy Shmuely, make it a lively place for singles and for families. Thursday nights there is a 25% discount for students with ID.

"A new concept in elegant Kosher Chinese-American dining" is the way the Shang-Chai Restaurant (718/377-6100) terms itself. It is located on Brooklyn's Flatbush Ave. All the above restaurants are strictly kosher.

On the arts scene, don't miss the beautifully displayed "Art of Celebration" exhibit at Yeshiva University (960-5390), which ends in March. The nine different rooms on view feature original environments for the various holidays as well as a room prepared for the ceremony of brit milah, circumcision, and a "Yichud" room. The latter is the room to which a newly-married couple retreat, after the ceremony, for a few minutes of privacy. The room symbolizes the intimacy of marriage.

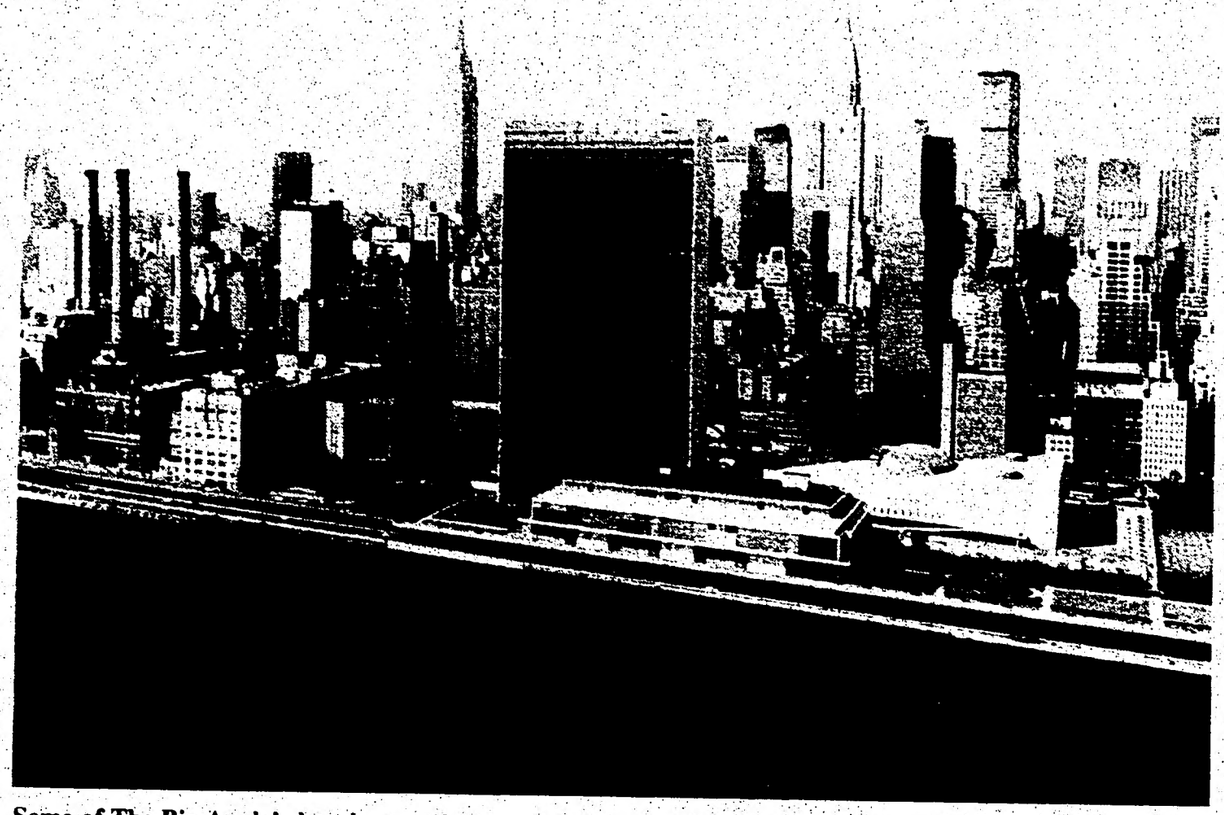
A new permanent installation at the Jewish Museum (860-1860) is the sculpture by George Segal titled "The Holocaust."

The Circle of Montparnasse: Jewish Artists in Paris 1905-1945" will run to Feb. 2. The museum's "Jews of India" exhibit has been praised highly. It runs to Feb. 16.

Among the other things you can do in New York is attend a lecture at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism (724-7000). It is located at 15 W. 86th St. The three notable speakers will be Howard M. Sachar on Feb. 9, Rabbi Shlomo Riskin on March 2, and A. B. Yehoshua on April 13.

If you have not yet stopped in at the IBM building on Madison Ave. and 56th St., you should put it on your agenda. Its lovely street-level atrium will give you a refreshing break from the city's bustle.

The Museum of Modern Art will be celebrating the "Mies Van Der Rohe Centennial" from Feb. 13 to April 22.



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Business Outlook

Opportunity for Canadian investment

Israelis welcome joint ventures

By
SERGE TITTLEY

TORONTO —
Israel's brainpower is for sale, and it's a bargain.

That's the message a Toronto-born editor and the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivered at a recent meeting with representatives of firms doing business in high technology industries.

"Israel has the highest number of physicians per capita and leads the world in the number of scientists per capita who publish books and author papers in leading international journals," said Joel Bainerman, the former Torontonian who edits a soon-to-be launched newsletter on developments in Israeli medical research.

Bainerman and Gabriel Regev, executive director of the CICCI, last week illustrated the many opportunities for investment and joint venture activities now opening up for Canadian business in Israel, thanks to a high-tech revolution barely eight years old.

Bainerman said Israel has a rich pool of talent waiting to be used by enterprising Canadian business people. "We've got the research talent in Israel, but not the marketing skills which can bring to market those products which our researchers can come up with," he said.

That brainpower is inexpensive by North American standards, since the average take-home pay for a highly-skilled Israeli professional is about U.S. $800 a month. "That's a bargain by any standard," Bainerman said.

Bainerman suggested that the ideal working arrangement might be to have a Canadian firm tell an Israeli research group — associated either with a private company or a university — just what its requirements are. The group in Israel comes up with the product, and the Canadian firm assumes responsibility for its marketing, either worldwide or in Canada alone.

North American marketing skills are essential if newly developed Israeli products are not to gather dust on shelves in Tel Aviv or Jerusalem, Regev said.

One way Bainerman hopes to spread the message of Israeli prowess in high technology, particularly in medicine, is through Israel Medical News, a monthly newsletter stated for launch in April.

The only English language publication of its kind, it will cover advances in medical research and keep readers abreast of technological advances, new treatment procedures, pharmaceutical products, and also provide a calendar of professional meetings in Israel.

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It's a magic life for Mark

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Now you see him, now you don't.

Mark Bernkopf, until recently one of Montreal's most sought-after magicians, has done a vanishing act, of sorts. Although he still gets plenty of bookings in Montreal, Bernkopf, better known by the monicker Magic Mark, has popped up in Toronto and is already getting some gigs.

Montreal expatriates will probably recall Bernkopf as a mainstay on the children's party circuit, where he'd been regaling youngsters with his dozens of magic tricks for 20 of his 26 years.

Now a sales representative for Canadian Paper and Packaging, Bernkopf faces new horizons in magic in Toronto. He has a theatrical agent in Margot Morris and since making the jump here last summer, has performed his 1-hour act at kids' and adult parties and for a variety of service groups.

"There's always a lot of interest in magic and more so these days when parents don't know what to do with their kids at parties," says Mark. "I've been doing this since I was six," when his father showed him a disappearing dice trick. He picked it up, in addition to some other sleight-of-hand tricks, and went to kids' parties billed as Magic Mark, at first for free then at a fixed price of $3 per show.

What makes Bernkopf a bit different from other magicians is that he'll show you some of the more simple ruses in his repertoire of over 100. "I want people to understand how magic works. It isn't 'The hand is quicker than the eye.' A lot of it is simple deception— doing something with one hand while your eyes are distracted with the other. If I can can distract you enough, I can bring in an elephant and you wouldn't notice." Most of his tricks, though, he'll never reveal.

Mark divides his bag of goodies into two categories: the mechanical kind, like card tricks, and those that require some other kind of dexterity and equipment.

For instance, he'll use a small but sharp guillotine to chop a cigarette in half, then insert a wary volunteer's finger between the blade and the cigarette. The blade, of course, magically passes through the finger (Mark, though, has prepared a basket to catch the severed digit) but slices the cigarette neatly in two. And it's all very fast and snappy.

"I like audience participation, especially from kids. You've got to give them some responsibility or they'll get bored quickly."

His nimble fingers will make salt shakers vanish and coins appear from thin air, just to warm up. There are card tricks and then there's a card trick a la Magic Mark: A volunteer picks a card, any card, and re-inserts it in the deck. Mark then effortlessly guesses the correct card, blows up a balloon and breaks it with a cap gun. Inside we find an envelope and inside that, there's a piece of paper with the number and suit of the card written on it.

Mark's favorite tricks are those involving birds and his favorite magicians are Doug Henning and David Copperfield, whose incredible disappearing Statue of Liberty act Mark claims to have solved.

As if the magic wasn't enough, Mark is also an accomplished singer and performer with several annual Montreal YM-YWHA musical revues under his belt. He's now looking to break into television.

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Staying healthy in Russian, Yiddish

Language no barrier for doctor

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

Trek into any magazine store and it is almost certain to be clogged with publications advocating exercise, explaining the value of nutrition, and pushing the latest way to stay sleek, slim and healthy.

But do any of these periodicals "speak" Russian, or Hebrew, or Yiddish?

Raffi Preter speaks all three, as well as English. And he has voluntarily begun to offer free health lectures accompanied by a slide presentation in any or all of these languages.

"The greatest thing I'm offering is communication with the patient," says Preter, a Doctor of Chiropractic and owner of Downsview Chiropractic.

"Where you're able to understand the patient you're able to help, and I felt that I needed to be different from other chiropractors."

"People care about health. They want to know about how to avoid back pains and stay healthy."

Preter had already begun

Raffi Preter

to offer free health classes to small groups of patients in his office, when one of them, the president of a Russian/Jewish club, asked if he would lecture to a group at the Baycrest Terrace.

Because the audience members were not fluent in English, Preter spoke to them in Russian and Yiddish.

"I saw right away there was good communication between the people and me, and about 20 of them became patients at the clinic."

Preter says the major themes of his lecture are maintaining general good health and avoiding future back problems.

To achieve these goals, he says, there are five essentials: proper nutrition, exercise, rest and relaxation, positive mental attitude, and a sound central nervous system.

A sound central nervous system is achieved, Preter says, by avoiding misalignment of the spinal vertebrae, maintaining motion of the spinal column, and preventing pinched nerves.

His background training for the lectures is the 4-year program at Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College, and a seminar taught by Guelph chiropractor, John Whitney.

Whitney explained how to package the information into a presentation, says Preter who uses slides of diagrams, cartoons, pictures and X-rays to illustrate his lectures.

"You are tomorrow what you eat today," says Preter who recommends cutting out fat, red meat, excess coffee, and suggests a diet of high carbohydrates and high fibre.

"Walk before you start running," he says noting that some people exercise intensively without being prepared and have to quit, occasionally with injuries.

"You can look at a cup and see it as half full or half empty," says Preter encouraging the more positive outlook.

Finally, he says, it is very important to maintain the natural curves of the spine. This can be achieved by sleeping on the side instead of the stomach; by sitting or standing with good posture; by lifting things close to the body; and by doing stretching exercises in the morning and before a strenuous task or sports.

As part of his presentation, Preter also explains the more technical aspects of how spinal misalignments occur and how they can be dealt with by a chiropractor.

"As a chiropractor I see my role as reducing symptoms and increasing function of malfunctioning joints," says Preter.

He adds that among his patients have been two doctors, and he says he has had direct referrals from physicians for patients with complications.

For more information about Preter's health lecture, contact him at Downsview Chiropractic Centre, 552 Sheppard Ave. W., Downsview, or phone 635-1818.

Science Centre looks at food

TORONTO —

Everybody eats. We shop for food, cook it, throw it out, clean it up; socialize over it, overindulge in it and then attempt to jog it off. Some people die for lack of it. Food touches all cultures, all ages and both sexes.

FOOD is the next major exhibition at the Ontario Science Centre, opening March 6. It's also the perfect subject for the centre's renowned expertise in producing exhibits and programs that encourage visitors to get involved, to discover the fascinating scientific and cultural connections in their daily life.

From March 6 through Nov. 2, visitors to FOOD will explore the gamut of food from its source and production to its ingestion and digestion. There will be exhibits on nutrition and diet, old and new food technology, food history and culture.

In late spring, a special agricultural section of the show, including a barn with a variety of animals, will open to the public in an outdoor exhibit area. Here, for example, visitors will watch cows being milked by machine and learn more about the importance of agriculture in Ontario.

A major element of FOOD is, naturally, the kitchen. In **The Kitchen,** celebrity cooks and groups from Toronto's many ethnic communities will demonstrate their techniques and traditions to visitors who in turn have a chance to taste the foods prepared and take home a recipe themselves.

In many instances, the international cooking will coincide with a country's national holiday or other festive occasion.

During the summer months, technique sessions will be a regular Thursday feature. Technique sessions will include tips on equipping a kitchen, molding chocolate, canning and preserving.

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Sebok, Erno on January 18, 1986, late of 3894 Bathurst St., m #201.
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Rumack, Harry on 1/14/86, late of 620 Church St., Toronto.
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Goldstein, Aaron on 1/15/86, late of 423 Yonge St., Toronto.
Sandler, Boris on 1/16/86, late of 6101 Bathurst St., #505, Willowdale.
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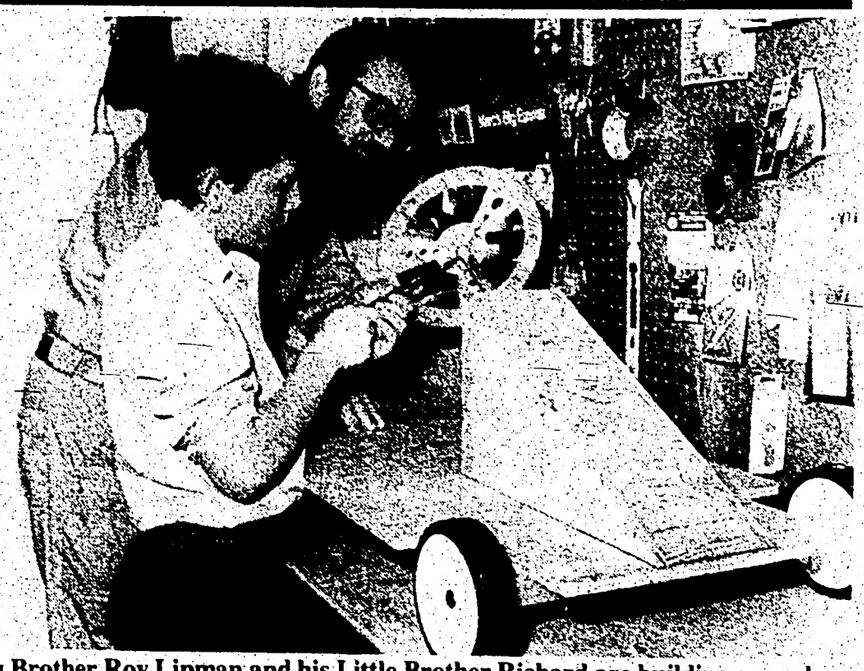

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JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
Roy Lipman makes no claim to being able to solve all the world's problems. However this 53-year-old businessman has provided an 11-year-old boy with a special friend through the Big Brothers of Metropolitan Toronto Association.

Lipman, owner and president of Lipman's House of Silver, said he became involved in the Big Brothers program two years ago because his two children were grown and he felt a void in his life.

"I felt I still needed a relationship with a young person," said Lipman, who recently received the Big Brother of the Year award for the City of North York.

Big Brothers is designed to help boys between the ages of 7 and 12 who, because of divorce, desertion or death, are growing up in a family without a father or adult male figure.

Formed in 1904 in New York City, it started up in Toronto nine years later. Today there are over 160 Big Brother agencies in Canada.

First matched with his current Little Brother, Richard Pragnell, about six months ago, Lipman said the boy has become more outgoing since then.

He said that like most young boys Richard likes to build things. One of their special projects this year is building a soapbox car for the agency's annual derby which they plan to enter next fall.

Lipman said the two of them spend a lot of time talking and he takes his Little Brother to such places as the Science Centre, the Metro Zoo, movies and the circus.

Lipman said his role as a Big Brother is a "special opportunity" for him to provide a man's influence into his Little Brother's home.

"I offer a one-to-one relationship where I can have input into his life and watch him grow," said Lipman, a former Cub Scout master.

As well as providing a role model for his Little Brother, Lipman was also pleased about an added benefit of his volunteer work.

He said that Richard has been to his home many times and has a developed good relationship with his 25-year-old daughter and 19-year-old son. So good in fact, said Lipman, that his son is now thinking of becoming a Big Brother.

"Nothing could make me prouder then if he, at one time, chooses to become one."

While his involvement with his current Little Brother will begin to taper off after Richard's next birthday, Lipman said he has no plans to leave the program at that time.

Lipman will also play another role in the Big Brother program this year as Big Brother of the Year for North York, representing all Big Brothers from North York at special functions and assisting in the recruitment of volunteers.

"The organization has a desperate need for volunteers," said Lipman.

To be considered as a Big Brother a person should be at least 21 years old, "mature, stable and of good character." Volunteers can be married or single and must be willing to see their Little Brother at least once a week for a minimum period of one year.

Lipman said before a man considers joining the Big Brothers program, he should first talk it over with his family.

For further information on how to become a Big Brother call (416) 925-8981.

Dust, dry air produce allergies during the winter

TORONTO —
In these deepest, darkest days of winter, do you ever get the feeling you're allergic to the cold?

Well fear not, because you're not alone.

According to Toronto's Allergy Information Association, a non-profit group of allery sufferers who provide information to others so afflicted, an allergy to winter is a real phenomenon with its own name: Chimokamatia (pronounced chee-moka-ma-teah), taken from Greek medicalese meaning roughly, "Will the winter never end?"

Humans, says the AIA, are gregarious, light-loving creatures. Research shows that zest for life is imparted from the sun. Winter constrains movement, restricts our social lives and deprives us of warmth and, much of the time, sunshine.

Winter may eliminate allergies to grass, trees and pollen but it brings another culprit: house dust. Dust in our homes is inhabited by tiny insects called dust mites and also contains human and pet dander, food and plant particles and bacteria. The more we stay indoors, the more we are exposed to dust. The AIA says that often, a winter cold could really be an allergic reaction to dust.

Many North Americans also have allergic skin reactions from the cold. With indoor heating, air becomes drier and drier. This dry air, combined with heavier clothing, increases the prevalence of allergic skin reactions. Less bathing and keeping the skin moist and well ventilated can help sensitive winter skin.

Many people, states the group, are simply allergic to cold and develop hives as a result of exposure to cold air. This can lead to a drop in blood pressure and shock. Hives caused by the cold are treated with antihistamines.

One of the biggest problems with winter are accompanying cases of the blues. Mid-winter depression can aggravate and prolong allergic symptoms. The AIA counsels to learn to live with winter by taking up a hobby or taking a break from it, if possible.

For more information on these and other allergies, contact the AIA at 25 Poynter Drive, suite 7, Weston, Ont., M9R 1K8 or call (416) 244-9312 or 244-8585.

Rosenberg receives award

Teacher's enthusiasm brings out best in students

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Book discussion groups have mushroomed in every part of our society.

A great deal of the credit for the success of these groups can be attributed to such discussion leaders as Hadassa Rosenberg, a professor at the University of Toronto's school of Continuing Education.

Recently Rosenberg was one of three members of the 800-member faculty at the school of continuing education to receive an award citing her "for exceptional commitment and achievement to the goals and ideals of university continuing education."

Rosenberg is more than a good teacher. She has a mission in life — to share her excitement in learning with others — and her enthusiasm is contagious.

Covering a large spectrum of topics, she presents programs to small informal study groups, some who have studied with her for more than 20 years, and to large classes of 200.

This month at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Rosenberg will present the first in a series of six lectures, entitled Spice of Life on the lives and works of international acclaimed people who shaped the thoughts of modern man.

The series will include the works of American author, John Cheever, Sigmund Freud, Canadian author Mavis Gallant and Herman Wouk. The sessions will focus on the authors as well as their writing.

Her expertise spans history, psychology, philosophy, archeology, to name just a few. For this reason, Rosenberg is well qualified to examine literature from a number of perspectives. Her purpose, she says, is to stimulate these many interests in others.

After her children went off to school, Rosenberg registered at the university and received a Master's degree in Near Eatern archeology and she began lecturing at the university in the early 1960s. Over the years, Rosenberg says, her major interest has become adult education.

"I started teaching archeology, and I've always brought the past into the present — this makes it alive and relevant. And I keep changing my selections so my students, many of them professional people, doctors, lawyers, politicians and professors in other fields, can continue their studies with me for many years."

Rosenberg has made education accessible for everyone. She says, "I take their fears away. I take away the rigidity and formality and make learning enjoyable."

This, the personable, attractive teacher accomplishes by making each person feel that she is speaking to them and by encouraging questions and opinions.

Hadassa Rosenberg was born in British Mandate Palestine and brought up in Jerusalem. She met her husband, Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg, a well-known writer and the spiritual leader at Toronto's Beth Torah Congregation, when she was studying English literature and psychology in New York.

Hadassa Rosenberg

With a background in archeology, Rosenberg led groups of students on archeological tours to Israel and Greece, and recently she led a group that learned as they traveled through Egypt. The group, she notes, was interested in art and archeology, and the historic relationship between Israel and Egypt.

In her lectures and study groups, Rosenberg emphasizes discussion. "Discussion accomplishes more than the development of knowledge — it creates human contact. In discussion groups, people touch each other."

By reaching out to her students, Rosenberg discovered that many people were coming to her for advice. Once again she returned to school and received a Master's degree in applied psychology.

She works with several psychiatrists and after involvement in educational counseling, she went on to private counselling. She has a private practice which has branched out to cover every area of human stress, and is currently doing research on the family in crises in our society.

"All healthy, normal people have problems," she says, "and problem-solving becomes possible when a person is educated to the fact that life has many options."

Rosenberg says the definition of a good book is one that challenges the reader. By comparing modern and ancient literature, "I take my students around the world in place and time which gives my courses the dynamics of travel from antiquity."

Citing Israeli topics as an example, she said groups studying works by Amos Oz, A. B. Yehoshua and Benjamin Tammuz, stimulate their interest in history, what goes on in Israel today, family relationships, relationships with Arabs, and how Jews in exile relate to Israel. "I try to open new windows for my students — new curiosities."

"The beauty of education is that it never ends. It gives you the excitement that very few things can give." Selecting literature from around the world, Rosenberg creates that excitement and at the same time makes things relevant and topical.

Her Spice of Life lecture series will be held at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. in the afternoons. For more information, call Janice Segal, 445-5046.

Holy Blossom program stays

TORONTO —

Holy Blossom Temple's weekly Sunday broadcasts on radio station CHIN 1540 AM will continue, the temple has announced, citing "the favorable response from many members of the community, especially those who are not able to get to synagogue."

The half-hour broadcast Prayers and Meditations can be heard Sunday mornings at 8.30 a.m. Each program includes an address by Rabbi Dow Marmur, the temple's senior rabbi, and a service conducted by Rabbi James Prosnit, the associate rabbi, and Cantor Benjamin Maissner.

The Temple Singers, the congregation choir under the direction of the cantor, can be heard in each broadcast.

Booklets containing the prayers as well as copies of each address can be obtained from the Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., Toronto, M5P 3K9.

Right story, wrong name

A story on Toronto's Beth Tikvah Synagogue winning the Solomon Schechter Award (CJN Jan. 2) inadvertantly listed the name of the synagogue's choir president as Jerry Kaplan. The correct name is Jerry Kaplin to whom we apologize.

Some words of 'wisdom' from the past.

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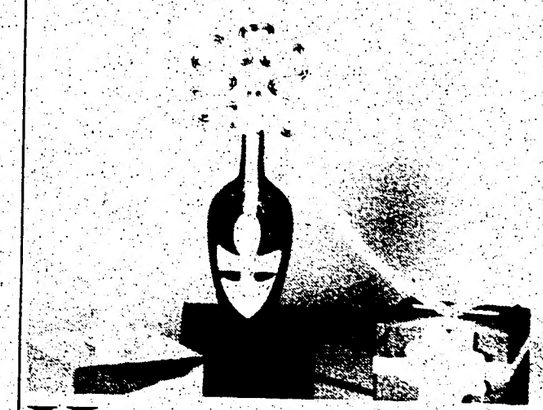

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